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Address by the Campus Principal - COTE Cocktail Reception 2010

(delivered by the Deputy Principal)

Office of the Campus Principal, UWI St. Augustine Campus

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Guiding Speaking Points

Salutations

- Thank you Chair
- Representative of the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences
- Mr. Martin Franklin, Head of the Department of Economics
- Dr. Roy Thomas, our distinguished guest of honour this evening
- Colleagues from the St. Augustine Campus and from the other Campuses
- Conference participants
- Ladies and Gentlemen

- Good evening.

- It is indeed a great pleasure for me to bring greetings at this evening's Cocktail Reception in honour of Dr. Roy Thomas. As we come together in an informal setting on the eve of the Conference on the Economy 2010, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you to the UWI St. Augustine Campus.

- A special welcome to our guest of honour this evening – Dr. Roy Thomas. As a former Lecturer, Head of the Department of Economics, Deputy Dean and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Thomas has contributed significantly to our Campus and our regional University. He has done so not only through his ardent leadership, but also through his dedication to economic development research and scholarship as well as his outstanding service to the region.

- Let me also take this opportunity to welcome the family, friends and well wishers of Dr. Thomas, other specially invited guests and all COTE conference participants, particularly those from overseas.

- I am always extremely pleased when our University honours our long-standing Faculty members who have helped to build our programmes, our Faculties and our Campus into what we have today. As a Campus, we are truly grateful for their

commitment, their dedication and their service. Let me also go further to say that this could not have taken place at a better moment, since we will be celebrating our golden 50th Anniversary as a Campus next week. This is indeed an important milestone for our Campus and I am sure that our founders will agree that as a Campus, we have surpassed their expectations!

- This could only have been accomplished through the collective effort of our staff and our students and through the strong partnerships built over the past five decades with our stakeholders in the public and private sectors.
- In closing, I would like to thank the Head of the Department of Economics, Mr. Martin Franklin and his team for the organization of this cocktail reception and tomorrow's Conference on the Economy. Thanks to our very special guest, Dr. Roy Thomas, and we salute your outstanding contribution to our University and by extension our region.
- I thank you.