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**Trinidad and Tobago
Securities and Exchange Commission
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TTSEC Hosts Tertiary Level Debate Competition

The Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (TTSEC) is partnering with the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business (ALJGSB), Cipriani College of Labour & Co-Operative Studies and The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Association of Postgraduate Students (UWI STAAPS), to execute a tertiary level debate competition, titled, '*Clash of the Debate Titans 2017*', hosted by the TTSEC.

This tertiary level debate competition aims to:

- Raise awareness among tertiary level students of the importance of the securities industry towards the development of our economy
- Provide a platform for the tertiary level student population to discuss issues of national importance

As the regulator for the securities industry, the core objectives of this competition are in keeping with the TTSEC's mandate to inform and educate the public about the securities industry, in order to spur growth in the market and enable citizens to make informed investment decisions.

This year, there are eight participating schools in this competition. These are:

1. The UWI - Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business
2. Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies (CCLCS)
3. The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Association of Postgraduate Students (UWI STAAPS)
4. The UWI School of Business and Applied Studies Limited (Trading as ROYTEC)
5. CTS College of Business and Computer Science Limited
6. Institute of Law and Academic Studies Limited

The TTSEC's CEO, Mr. Hadyn Gittens, was pleased to be a part of this historic initiative and commended the teams for their willingness to participate. He said that 'this tertiary level debate competition provides an excellent opportunity to support the financial and investor education development of tertiary level students'. He continued saying that knowledge about the securities industry at the tertiary level, helps broaden students' minds to the financial opportunities available to them when they enter the world of work and start receiving regular salaries.

Winners will receive: \$9000 to invest courtesy the **Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange**, Fire HD 10” Tablets, medals and certificates of participation. The school will receive the challenge trophy, a champion trophy and bragging rights. Each participant will also receive a certificate of participation.

The Quarter Final debate schedule:

Quarterfinal 1

Wednesday 4th October 2017

Debate session #1

Topic: Be it resolved that the principal cause of high unemployment in Trinidad and Tobago is related to the economy’s heavy reliance on the capital intensive petroleum sector.

- The University of the West Indies (UWI) - (For Topic)
- Institute of Law and Academic Studies Limited - (Against Topic)

Wednesday 4th October 2017

Debate session #2

Topic: Be it resolved that investing in the stock market is a viable option for wealth creation.

- Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business - (For Topic)
- UWI School of Business and Applied Studies Limited (Trading as ROYTEC) - (Against Topic)

The TTSEC invites you to visit our Facebook Page for more information and updates regarding this competition.

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