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CTS College Wins TTSEC's Tertiary Level Debate Competition

On Thursday November 2, 2017, the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (TTSEC) hosted the final round of the *Clash of the Debate Titans, 2017*, Tertiary Level Debate competition, at the Cipriani College of Labour and Cooperative Studies.

The evening kicked off with the final debate between teams CTS College of Business and Computer Science Limited (CTS College), [FOR the motion] versus, the Institute of Law and Academic Studies (ILAS), [AGAINST the motion]

The motion debated was: 'Be it resolved that in the interest of investor protection the TTSEC's regulatory focus should be on enforcement.'

After the constructive speeches, the rebuttals and crossfires, it was a close finish with the judges taking extra care to review the scores. Both teams debated on different fronts which were accurately and succinctly, summed up by Senior Counsel Martin Daly, Chair Judge as, "a debate between the realists (CTS College) and the academics (ILAS)". In the end, winning by a slim margin of 28 points, was CTS College.

Congratulations to Team CTS College on their victory in this debate competition.

Mr. Hadyn Gittens, CEO of the TTSEC, who was present at every debate throughout this competition, commended all institutions and their teams for their participation. He acknowledged the following institutions:

- The University of the West Indies - Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business
- The Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies
- The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Association of Postgraduate Students
- The UWI School of Business and Applied Studies Limited (UWI-ROYTEC)
- CTS College of Business and Computer Science Limited and
- The Institute of Law and Academic Studies Limited

Mr. Gittens indicated that he "*witnessed, with pleasure, improvement in understanding of the subject matter and the quality of debating, as the competition has progressed.*" He also reinforced his support of this debate competition and looks forward to the TTSEC participating in this event next year.

Ms. Michelle Persad, CEO of the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange Limited (TTSE) was also present to deliver remarks. As a core sponsor of a portion of the first prize for this competition, Ms. Persad reinforced the Stock Exchange's focus on continuing progress in the financial markets and also the economic development of our country. She also informed of the opportunities available to Small and Medium-sized Enterprises to be listed on the stock exchange and also of possible future opportunities for online trading in the stock market.

Mr. Keegan Bharath, a key member of the planning committee for this event, was also on hand to deliver remarks and was pleased to see and contribute to a revival of debating among tertiary level students in Trinidad and Tobago.

About the Clash of the Debate Titans, 2017

This tertiary level debate competition contributed towards raising awareness among tertiary level students of the importance of the securities industry towards the development of our economy, and also provided 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 were 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.

Prizes

First Placed Winners received: \$3000 each to invest in the stock market courtesy the **Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange**, Fire HD 8" 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.

Second Placed Winners received: Medals, Fire HD 8" Tablets, and certificates of participation.

We wish to also acknowledge the **Judges** throughout the competition who were:

- Dr. Earl Boodoo
- Mr. George Sheppard
- Senior Counsel Martin Daly
- Mrs. Rachel Simms-Sealy
- Ms. Shivana Loach
- Ms. Sunity Maharaj

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Winners: Team CTS College of Business and Computer Science Limited – center: Rachael Collymore, Suzette Matterson and Brian Barbour - posing with their winnings and flanked by Ms. Michelle Persad, CEO, TTSE and Mr. Hadyn Gittens, CEO, TTSEC.



Second Place winners – Institute of Law and Academic Studies (ILAS) – Centre Isa Dookie, Tegan Medina, Corene Procope, flanked by Ms. Michelle Persad, CEO, TTSE and Mr. Hadyn Gittens, CEO, TTSEC.



Teams CTS College and ILAS share a photo op with the CEOs of TTSE and TTSEC.