



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**TTUTA MONTH OF THE TEACHER**

*(REMARKS)*

**Message By**

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**Minister of Education**

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## **SALUTATIONS:**

- **Mr Martin Lum Kin**, President – Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers' Association (TTUTA)
- **TTUTA Executive and Members**
- **Specially invited guests**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good morning,

It is an honour to bring greetings to you today at the launch of the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers' Association (TTUTA) Month of the Teacher, under the theme, “The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage.”

The theme you have chosen for this year’s Month of the Teacher serves as a clarion call, a call to action, and a call to reflection. Teachers ignite the flames of curiosity and creativity, guiding their students towards a brighter and more prosperous future.

As we gather here today, we must recognize that education is a dynamic, ever-evolving process that reflects the changing needs of society. To provide our students with the education they deserve, we must ensure that our teachers are equipped with the necessary tools, knowledge, and support.

The theme of this year's initiative aligns closely with the strategic direction we are forging for the future of education in Trinidad and Tobago, as delineated within the Education Policy 2023-2027. To achieve the education we want, we must have the teachers we need – passionate, empowered, and well-supported educators who will guide our students towards a brighter and more prosperous future.

Through our dedicated focus on eight strategic pillars, the Ministry of Education renews its steadfast commitment to the pursuit of educational excellence and progress through:

1. Amendment of the Education Act
2. Human Resource Development
3. Equity in Quality Education
4. Curriculum Reform
5. TVET Revitalisation
6. Digital Transformation
7. Transition of Learners through the Education System

## 8. Enabling Student Success.

These pillars serve as the foundation upon which we will build a transformative and inclusive education system. By aligning our efforts with these essential principles, we are equipping ourselves to meet the challenges of the 21st century, while nurturing a generation of students who are well-prepared to excel and contribute meaningfully to the development of Trinidad and Tobago. In essence, it is through these pillars that we aim to foster a holistic and dynamic educational environment that empowers our learners to realize their fullest potential.

I want to commend TTUTA for their unwavering dedication to our educators and students. Together, let us continue to work hand in hand to create a brighter, more equitable, and prosperous future for our nation through education.

I thank you, and may this Month of the Teacher be a celebration of the incredible impact that teachers make in our lives.

