

Canadian High Commission hosts education reception

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Representatives of Canadian educational institutions were guests of honour at a networking reception hosted by acting Canadian High Commissioner Cyril Joseph at the official residence of the Canadian High Commissioner in Maraval on November 2.

The Canadians were in Trinidad to participate in the annual University and College Fair promoted by the High Commission in collaboration with the US Embassy at the Hyatt Regency in Port-of-Spain on November 3 and 4. Representatives from 27 universities and colleges from Canada visited, working alongside 40 US schools and local educational institutions.

The networking reception was organised as a part of the University and College Fair.

However, according to Krista Robertson, senior trade commissioner at the Canadian High Commission, the event was more than that.

"Tonight is also an opportunity to recognise the importance of higher education, to celebrate the value of studying at an advanced level and to encourage us all to draw on our mutual resources to help today's youth achieve their goals," she said.

Robertson encouraged the visitors to take the opportunity to speak with local government and academic representatives present to develop new opportunities and areas of collaboration.

Navneet Boodhai, vice-president-business development and marketing at the University of T&T (UTT), represented Fazal Karim, the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training who was unable to attend the reception. Boodhai wished the Canadians success in their endeavours.

He also reminded them that the local institutions are open in the business of education, and look forward to developing strategic partnerships and collaborations, all in an effort to create a global experience in the tertiary environment.

Krista Robertson, senior trade commissioner, Canadian High Commission, left; Brent Morgan, student success services, Maple Leaf International School; and Anaita McIntyre, international student coordinator, Sheridan Institute of Technology & Advance Learning.



Judy Garcia, supervisor-support unit, Canadian High Commission, left; Kim Meade, vice-provost and associate vice-president, student services, Brock University; Hazel Johnson-Drescher, addiction counsellor, and education consultant; and Jennifer Lynch, programme assistant in immigration at the Canadian High Commission.

