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CFTDI BIDS FAREWELL TO DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, MRS. CHAN A SHING



ON THURSDAY MAY 4, 2017, CFTDI CELEBRATED Mrs. Chan A Shing's long and successful career with the Fisheries Division, having joined the organization in 1985 and retiring having reached the highest office of Director of Fisheries.

Mrs. Chan A Shing's rise to the top followed steadily after attaining her Bachelor of Science degree. She then worked in the lucrative oil and gas sector but soon her passion and interest in natural resource management motivated her move to the Fisheries Division, interrupted only by stints at the Conservation and Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour, British Virgin Islands between 2004 and 2006, and the University of Trinidad & Tobago Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry and the Maritime Campus between 2007 to 2010.

Highlights of her career include being counterpart to the Shark Biologist under the FAO Project for establishment of a Shark Fishery for Trinidad and Tobago in 1986 and subsequently becoming perhaps the only shark biologist in the region delivering training and support to other fisheries departments, in particular Guyana with support from the then Caribbean Fisheries Resource Assessment and Management Programme (CFRAMP). She has written several technical papers for the FAO on shark resources of Trinidad and Tobago and the Region. She served for over ten years on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Shark Specialist Group.

She has represented Trinidad and Tobago at many Regional and International forums. She laid the groundwork for the national membership to the International Commission for the

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Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) in 1996 as the first TT representative at an ICCAT meeting. Trinidad and Tobago eventually joined ICCAT in 1999. Over the past five years she has been instrumental in assisting with the development of updated legislation to guide the management of fisheries resources and related matters. Updated legislation which has been drafted as a result include Training and Development Institute. This period was considered by her to be a most challenging time for the Institute. She credits the patience and commitment of the staff of the Institute for managing some of these challenges although far too many remain. She hopes that the Institute will continue to be supported at executive levels in the Ministry given that there continues to be a work—*The Atlas: Marine Fisheries of Trinidad and Tobago Part 1, Trinidad Inshore Fisheries of 2002*. The intention of this work was to provide background information to schools as fisheries as a subject area had been included in the school curriculum, and there was increasing demand for information about the fisheries of Trinidad and Tobago. This coupled with a small staff and



Mrs. Chan A Shing; her secretary, Ms. Pamela Halls-Johnson; and Ms. Lisa Waterman of the Marine Fisheries Analysis Unit

the Fisheries Management Bill (now of 2015) and the Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development (CFTDI) Bill. She also facilitated and drafted the updated Marine Fisheries Policy which includes the CFTDI policy. Accordingly, a number of Strategic Plans pertinent to the Fisheries Division and the CFTDI were also produced. Her training and interest in information and knowledge transfer resulted in what she describes as a publication to promote greater awareness of the Division and its limited available information more than justified the time invested in producing this work. We are grateful for the time spent in the company of Mrs. Chan A Shing. She has been an inspiration to many of us and leaves behind a legacy which we aspire to follow. We wish her all success on her journey forward. May her star continue to shine brighter and brighter always.

More pictures on pages 4 & 5

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Ms. Louanna Martin, Emcee for the function



Ms. Tullia Ible, Principal of CFTDI congratulates Mrs. Chan A Shing.



From left: Christine Chan A Shing, Director of Fisheries. Other Board Members: Mr. Anthony Alexis, Mr. Farook Hosein, Ms. Rosemarie Kishore

In the moment. Dancers entertain



Senior Fisheries Officer, Lara Ferreira pays tribute to Mrs. Chan A Shing.



MATELOT OPEN SCHOOL GRADUATION

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Archbishop with Graduates, staff of CEBM, Tutors, Dr. Johannes Hendrikz (right of Archbishop), Ms. Tullia Ible (far right front row)

THE INSTITUTE IS PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO collaborate with the Catholic Education Board of Management and the Commonwealth of Learning to develop this Open School program for the residents of Matelot.

Based on the training needs which were identified by the residents, three programs were selected for this pilot phase. They are *Gill Net Repair* which was tutored by Mr. Joseph James, *Maintenance and Repairs of Two-Stroke Gasoline Engines* by Mr. Rooplal Dowlal, and *Handling and Processing of Fin Fish* by Ms. Muriel Quamina.

Notwithstanding the disruptions caused as a result of the inclement weather conditions experienced in Matelot towards the end of last year, we were able to successfully complete the programs albeit later than had been scheduled and twenty one persons were able to graduate on April 6, 2017.



Winning smiles from two young attendees

Mrs. Sharon Mangroo, CEO, Catholic Education Board of Management; Mrs. Nkeisha Vidale, Principal, Matelot Community College; Archbishop Joseph Harris and Dr Johannes Hendrikz, Senior Advisor, Commonwealth of Learning



From left, Ms. Fadwa Wadi, Coordinator of the Open School Project, Ms. Muriel Quamina,, Technical Instructor, Fish Processing, CFTDI and Ms. Tullia Ible, Principal of CFTDI



MATELOT OPEN SCHOOL GRADUATION (CONT'D)



Students of the Matelot Community College performed a dance

Section of the audience



VISIT BY JICA REPRESENTATIVES

THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION Project between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of Japan which was executed by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and CFTDI ended several years ago. However, the sustained results of the project were the reason for a visit to the Institute by a team from JICA on May 22, 2017.

From JICA's St. Lucia's office were the Resident Representative, Mr. T. Ike and Ms. J. Nakamura, Project Formulation Advisor. From the embassy of Japan in Port-of-Spain, Mr. S. Kobayashi and from JICA's CARIFICO project, M. Honda and Mr. M. Ishida.



Team dons PPE prior to touring the Fish Processing Unit.



JICA team, From left, Mr. M. Ishida, Mr. S. Kobayashi, Mr. T. Ike, Ms. J. Nakamura, Mr. M. Honda

WELLNESS MONTH AT CFTDI

THE MONTH OF May was *Wellness Month* at CFTDI. Safety Officer, Derek Archer piloted a month long program of physical activity for interested staff members. He felt that such a program would deliver physical, mental and emotional benefits to staff. The program was well received and there has been regular participation such that the trial period for the program has been extended to three months.



CAREER DAYS PROVIDE an excellent forum for introducing students to the extensive range of training offered at CFTDI. Courses include: Basic Training, Boat Master III and II, Maintenance and Repair of Outboard Engines, Able Seafarer, Handling and Processing of Fin Fish, and Fish Merchandising. These programs offer a pathway to interesting careers in the fisheries and maritime sectors.

SCHOOLS CAREER DAY



Students of the Belmont Secondary School view a video presentation on the types of training provided at the Institute.



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Students of the Russell Latapy Secondary School pay close attention to the lecturer.



CFTDI'S BASIC TRAINING COURSE IN GREAT DEMAND AS PART OF THE MARITIME OPERATIONS PROGRAM AT THE SAMUEL JACKMAN PRESCOD POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF B'DOS

UNDER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING with the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic of Barbados, CFTDI has for the past several years conducted the Basic Training course for students of the Polytechnic's Maritime Operations program

Awareness of the mandatory requirement of this training for employment in the maritime sector has increased tremendously so that the Polytechnic now

facilitates members of the public as well as its own students.

The Barbados Coast Guard and Barbados Fire Services assist the Institute with the delivery of this training and their cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the Polytechnic's coordinating team—Mr. Hector Belle, Principal; Mr. Ian Drakes, Deputy Principal; and Ms. Debra Charles-St. Hill, Administrative Assistant.

Fire Officer Marlon Small of Barbados Fire Service discusses marine firefighting with SJPP students.



Preparing to jump



Taking the plunge—always a dramatic practical exercise





HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Source material reprinted from the website of the US National Weather Service (www.weather.com)

TIP #1 DEVELOP AN EVACUATION PLAN

The first thing you need to do is find out if you live in a storm surge hurricane evacuation zone or if you're in a home that would be unsafe during a hurricane. If you are, figure out where you'd go and how you'd get there if told to evacuate. You do not need to travel hundreds of miles. Identify someone, perhaps a friend or relative who doesn't live in a zone or unsafe home, and work it out with them to use their home as your evacuation destination. Be sure to account for your pets, as most local shelters do not permit them. Put the plan in writing for you and those you care about.

TIP #2 ASSEMBLE DISASTER SUPPLIES

You're going to need supplies not just to get through the storm but for the potentially lengthy and unpleasant aftermath. Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of one week. Electricity and water could be out for at least that long. You'll need extra cash, a battery-powered radio and flashlights. Many of us have cell phones, and they all run on batteries. You're going to need a portable, crank or solar powered USB charger.

TIP #3 SECURE AN INSURANCE CHECK-UP

Call your insurance company or agent and ask for an insurance check-up to make sure you have enough homeowners insurance to repair or even replace your home. Don't forget coverage for your car or boat. Remember, standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. Whether you're a homeowner or renter, you'll need a

separate policy for it. See if it's available through your company or agent. Act now as flood insurance usually requires a 30-day waiting period.

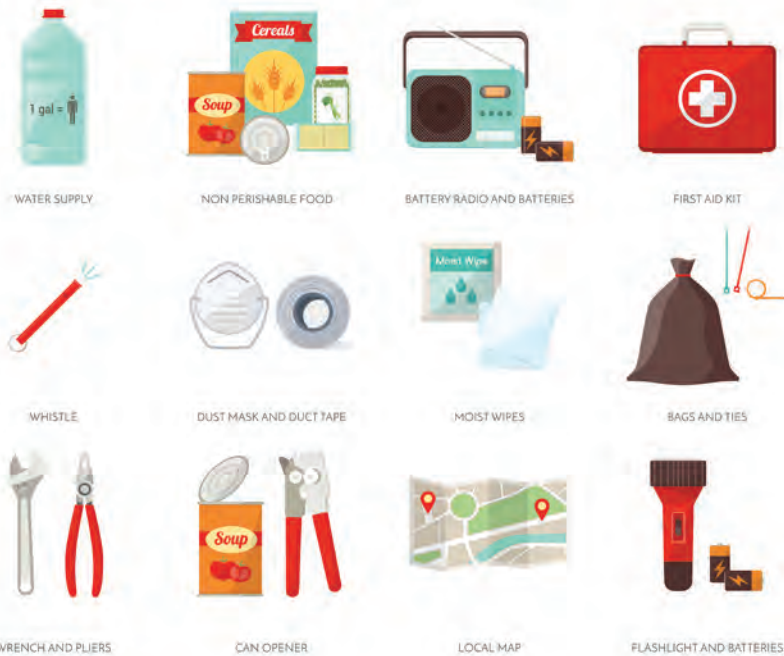


Flood Insurance Coverage

Check in with your insurance agent well before the hurricane season. Prepare your home/vehicles according to your policy and know where your documents are located—take them with you if you evacuate.

SURVIVAL KIT

BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT



TIP #4 STRENGTHEN YOUR HOME

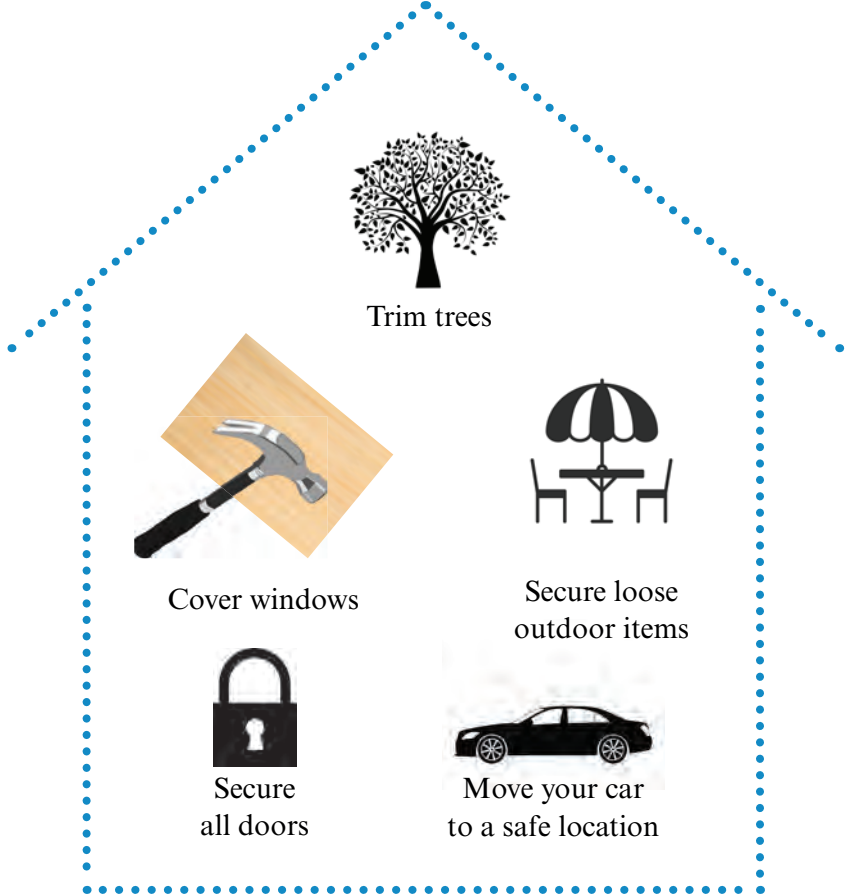
If you plan to ride out the storm in your home, make sure it is in good repair and up to local hurricane building code specifications. Many of these retrofits do not cost much or take as long to do as you may think. Have the proper plywood, steel or aluminum panels to board up the windows and doors. Remember, the garage door is the most vulnerable part of the home, so it must be able to withstand the winds.

There is a lot you can do around your home to help protect it from strong winds that come with hurricanes. Well ahead of the approaching storm, trim trees on your property, shop for approved window coverings, collect loose outdoor items, secure all doors on your property, and find a safe location for your vehicle.



TIP #5 CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBOR

Many people rely on the assistance of their neighbors before and after hurricanes. Help your neighbors collect the supplies they'll need before the storm. Assist them with evacuation if ordered to do so or check on them after it's safe for you to head outside. Do remember about pets as well, as they too need comfort and care during and after such disasters.



TIP #6 COMPLETE YOUR WRITTEN HURRICANE PLAN

The time to prepare for a hurricane is before the season begins, when you have the time and are not under pressure. If you wait until a hurricane is on your doorstep, the odds are that you will be under duress and will make the wrong decisions. Take the time now to write down your hurricane plan. Writing down your plan will help you avoid mistakes when faced with an emergency and ensure everyone in your home is prepared for the next storm.

Remember to keep all your important documents together for quick access, and to make a photo documentation of all your valuables. Know where you will ride out the storm and get your supplies now. You don't want to be standing in long lines when a hurricane warning is issued. Those supplies that you



need will probably be sold out by the time you reach the front of the line. Being prepared, before a hurricane threatens, makes you resilient to the hurricane impacts of wind and water. It will mean the difference between your being a hurricane victim and a hurricane survivor.



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MARITIME TRAINING PROGRAMME

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COURSE	DURATION	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Basic Training	8 days	3 <—> 12	7 <—> 16	4 <—> 13	2 <—> 11	6 <—> 15	
Basic Training Revalidation	3 days	10 <—> 12		18 <—> 20			
Boat Master III	10 days			18 <—> 28			
Boat Master II	10 day	10 <—> 21					
Security Awareness	1 days		<— 9 —>		<— 11 —>		
Advanced Firefighting	5 days		14 <—> 18				
Medical First Aid	5 days			11 <—> 15			
Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch	10 days			18 <—> 29			
Ratings Forming Part of an Engineering Watch	8 weeks				2 <—> 24		
Outboard Engine Maintenance & Repairs	5 days		14 <—> 18	11 <—> 15	9 <—> 13		
Oil, Gas, Chemical Tanker Safety	10 days					13 <—> 24	