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## Schools join-in the 37th independence Ann. Celebrations



The nation celebrated its 37th Anniversary of Independence under the theme: "The Journey Continues."

Despite the absence of the usual National School's Rally, the young ones were not to be outdone, as schools and districts held their own activities in true national pride.



## Central Library stages 'Meet Our Icon'

The Central Library staged 'Meet Our Icons' to provide young students the opportunity to meet and interact with several local icons, getting insight into their lives and what inspired them to excel, becoming productive members of society.

Icons included Governor General HE Dame Pearlette Louisy, Catholic Priest Monsignor Dr. Patrick Anthony and owner of FICS George Theophilus.



## Government Laptop Programme benefits over 3800 students



Government delivered on its promise to continue to provide laptop to secondary school students for a third straight year.

Representatives from Secondary Schools on the island were presented with laptops donated by the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), at a ceremony held at the former Marigot Sec., now renamed Jon Odlum Sec.

Government distributed 3,840 laptops, 550 desktop computers and 125 projectors under the “One Laptop Per Child” Initiative

## Ministry of Education gives to Bordelais

The Bordelais Correctional facility is now better able to deliver ICT training to inmates as part of its corrections programme, after the Ministry of Education handed over 20 laptops to its top ranking officers recently.

Both Education Minister Robert Lewis and Home Affairs Minister Phillip La Corbiniere are confident the donation will complement the facility’s gains in helping inmates attain CXC passes in various subjects.



## CXC Registrar/CEO Visits St. Lucia

CXC’s Registrar/CEO Gilroy Cumberbatch presented Maths and English texts books to the Ministry of Social Transformation, under which the Boys training Centre falls. The texts books will be used to administer the Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence (CCSLC) programme at the facility.

The Registrar, during his two-day visit, met with Minister for Education Dr. Robert Lewis, National Principals Association, Examinations Unit of the Ministry of Education and parents of students getting ready to sit CXC’s Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate CSEC.



CXC Registrar meets Education Minister Dr. Robert Lewis

## MOE Passionate about Special Education Development

The Ministry of Education is determining the way forward for Special Education in St. Lucia after outgoing Minister for Education Dr. Robert Lewis and top officials of the ministry toured the various institutions providing services to children with special needs.

The tour undertaken over the course of two weeks, throughout the island, gave education officials a first-hand look at day-to-day operations of the facilities and units in order to determine their needs, as government prepares to further develop that section of the island's education system.



## New National Science Quiz Champions Crowned



### Secondary Champions

- 1st: St. Mary's College
- 2nd: Leon Hess Comp. Sec. Sch.
- 3rd: Choiseul Sec. Sch.

### Primary Champions

- 1st: Grace Combined Sch.
- 2nd: Tapion Private Sch.
- 3rd: Bexon Combined Sch.

## Taiwan Briefs Prospective Scholarship Candidates

Prospective candidates of scholarships awarded by the Republic of China (Taiwan) were briefed recently on the proper procedure and criteria for applications to receive awards under the ROC's ICDF and Medical programmes.

The briefing held at the Orchid Center in Union also gave potential candidates an idea of the environment which they will be exposed to, during their course of study.



Prospective Taiwan scholarship candidates listening attentively



**NOTICE-BOARD**

- ⇒ (Vacancy) Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of Vice- Principal - St. Mary's College. Deadline 29th April 2016. More information can be obtained at: <http://www.govt.lc/jobs/vice-principal-st-marys-college>
- ⇒ (Scholarship Opp.) Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships to study for a UK Master's degree while living and working in your home country. Deadline 3rd May 2016.
- ⇒ (Scholarship Opp.) The OAS and the Center for Regional Cooperation for Adult Education in Latin America and the Caribbean will support outstanding individuals of the Americas through the auspices of academic scholarships to continue their postgraduate studies in Speciality in Pedagogy for the Training of Young People and Adults; and Specialty in Training of Trainers. Deadline May 6th and July 25th 2016., respectively.

For more information on the above and other scholarship opportunities, contact the HRD Unit of the Ministry of Education at 468-5229 or visit the HRD office on the 4th floor of the Francis Compton Building, Waterfront, Castries.

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**Principals Ass. Targets Leadership**

The Annual National Principals' Conference was conducted to the theme: Effective Leadership- "Key Roles that Principals Must Balance for Successful Schools."

Principals were encouraged to find key attributes of leadership from those before their time, and that they should not shun the ideas of others within their ranks, even if the ideas may be very different from theirs.

Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony, Education Minister Dr. Robert Lewis and Former Prime Minister Dr. Vaughn Lewis all addressed the gathering.



**Two Benefit from New NYC/Mario Michel Scholarship Fund**

After years of advocating for scholarships on behalf of St. Lucian youth the St. Lucia National Youth Council has launched its own programme, with a name that's honours its first president OECS Supreme Court Judge, Justice Mario Michel.

The Mario Michel/NYC Education Fund came out of the need to provide educational opportunities for students who are doing outstanding work within their communities and do not have the financial means to advance themselves academically.

The two recipients - Noal Samuel and Tiffany Fletcher - both received full scholarships to attend the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College.



PM Anthony with NPA Executive members



Justice Mario Michel with scholarship recipients



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