



NCPD WELCOMES MINISTER OF EDUCATION'S COMMENTS ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

NCPD hopes to see action taken in the near future

The National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) welcomes recent comments by the Minister of Education, the Honourable Anthony Garcia, as reported in the media, that *'special schools will be receiving attention'* and that *'special education is also being attended to, even in our mainstream schools'*.

NCPD is also heartened by T&T Unified Teachers' Association (TTUTA) President, Mr. Devanand Sinanan's call to the Government to support Special Ed students. NCPD believes that this indicates that its membership, our dedicated teachers of Trinidad and Tobago, recognises the need for special education and inclusive education through mainstreaming.

NCPD however is aware that these promises have been made at numerous points in the past. As such, NCPD hopes to see real action being taken not only in supporting Special Education Institutions, but more importantly in mainstreaming and supporting students with disabilities who have been mainstreamed, in the near future.

NCPD remains willing to assist and partner with any stakeholder, including the Government and TTUTA, in working towards the goal of achieving an inclusive society in Trinidad and Tobago.

ABOUT NCPD

The National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) is a non-governmental agency (NGO) which promotes equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities through training, information, research and consultative services. For more information on the National Centre for Persons with Disabilities, please visit our website, www.ncpdt.org, or contact us by telephone at 652-4880 or via email at ncpd1@hotmail.com.