

Mucurapo Boys' RC Beats the Heat Thanks to CIBC Caribbean

Port of Spain, Trinidad, January 21, 2025 – Mucurapo Boys' RC School is making sure its students are comfortable while learning by adding a new air conditioning unit to its arsenal to beat the heat.

This was possible through a donation offered by the ComTrust Foundation which is the charitable arm of CIBC Caribbean.

The presentation was made by Anthony Seeraj, managing director of CIBC Caribbean's Trinidad Operating Company, in commemoration of International Men's Day which was observed last November.

At the handover, which was completed recently, Seeraj said the ComTrust will continue its mission to support organisations and communities in need. "This was the legacy of Michael Mansoor, former executive chairman who passed away in 2014. He had it in his heart to support education and communities that are doing their best to give to others," Seeraj said.

Representing the school for the presentation was Giselle-Ann Celestine, Teacher Primary 1. But Vice Principal Terrence Hoyte later said, the bank's contribution has allowed the school to get closer to the goal of having each classroom fully air-conditioned.

"Living in the tropics, we are not strangers to experiencing high temperatures while we work and play. Given the global phenomenon of climate change, and gradually increasing temperatures annually, having air-conditioned classrooms can help mitigate distractions due to excessive heat in our classes. It provides greater comfort to not only our students, but to our teachers who facilitate learning," Hoyte said. "We truly appreciate the fact that CIBC has partnered with us to provide a more comfortable learning environment for our students."

Mucurapo Boys' RC was established in 1945. This year, the school will mark its 80th birthday.

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Photo caption: Giselle-Ann Celestine, Teacher Primary 1 accepts support from CIBC Caribbean's ComTrust Foundation. Presenting the cheque is Anthony Seeraj, managing director of CIBC Caribbean, Trinidad Operating Company.

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