



40th Anniversary

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Message from ICATT President, Anthony Pierre on ICATT's 40th Anniversary

September 17th 2010



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Dear Members/ Affiliates/ Students, HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

It is with a sense of pride that I write you today, September 17th 2010, our 40th anniversary as an Institute. Formed in 1970 by an Act of Parliament we were created to regulate and promote the Accountancy Profession in Trinidad and Tobago. I salute those members who over the past forty years have been able to balance their busy work schedules with their contributions on ICATT's various committees and Council. Your contributions have made it possible for us to be able to celebrate forty years of progress. As we approach the official celebrations in October it is a good time to acknowledge the commitment and hard work of all members, as we strive to contribute to the development of our nation. The last year has been a particularly challenging one for the profession globally, as we felt the fringe effects of the global credit crisis and of course we have witnessed our own local goliaths tethering on the verge of crisis and others knocked flat on their backs. I acknowledge that it has been challenging for many accounting and finance professionals. As an Institute we may be under the scrutiny of many at this time, and as members of the profession you may be feel a sense of pressure on your ethics and professional conduct.


I remain confident that the professionalism of all members will vindicate us and that we will continue to play a developmental role in responding to the needs of our twin island Republic. The Institute will continue to provide opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge base of our members through relevant continuous professional development. We will continue to encourage, promote and support a high level of technical competence, sound ethical standards and good corporate governance.

Over the past two years we have worked hard to raise the profile of the Institute, embarking on a number of initiatives through stakeholder meetings, increased networking events and technical seminars. There is need for us to continue on this path as we look introspectively at our own governance. We are nearing the end of a complete re-write of our *Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics* which we expect to present to members before the end of this year.

I remind you of our one and a half day seminar and Gala dinner that will be held on October 14th and 15th at the HYATT Regency hotel in Port of Spain where we expect international, regional and local presenters. I encourage you all to participate as we discuss the theme *Governance and Transparency: Back to Basics*. The 40th celebration will culminate with our Gala Banquet on Friday 15th October at the same venue. I hope to see you all there.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!


Anthony Pierre
President

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