

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SCOTIABANK SPONSORS CHINESE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**

Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited has pledged its support to the Chinese Bicentennial Committee as a sponsor of the upcoming celebrations to be held in October 2006. The Chinese Bicentennial Committee includes the Honorable Minister of Tourism, Senator Howard Chin Lee, Dr. David Picou – Chairman, Mr. Franco Siu Chong, Mr. Richard Young – Managing Director of Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited, Mr. Carl Awong, Mr. Bernard Aquing, Mr. Joe Chan, Ms. Joyce Wong Sang and Mr. Ken Chang On.

This year, as the nation marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Chinese community to our shores, the sport of dragon boat racing is being introduced to Trinidad and Tobago. While dragon boat racing began first as a traditional cultural event in China, it has now reached the level of an international sport hosted not only in China and Hong Kong but also in Germany, the United Kingdom, Russia, the Philippines, the United States and Canada. Indeed, Scotiabank in Canada has sponsored teams to participate in dragon boat racing for years in areas such as Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and Toronto.

In addition to signing on as a bronze sponsor for this historic event, the staff members of Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited are becoming actively involved in the celebrations through their participation in the dragon boat race tournament also to be hosted in October 2006, where they are expected to compete against at least 25 other corporate teams. Dubbed the “Scotiabank Fire Dragons”, the team has been fervently training on the Scotiabank sponsored dragon boat as part of their preparation for the big day.

Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited, through its involvement in the Chinese Bicentennial Celebrations, recognizes the indelible contribution made by the Chinese population to the social, economic and political landscape of the nation.



**Mr. Franco Siu Chong (R), Chinese Bicentennial Committee, accepts Scotiabank's sponsorship contribution from Mr. Gilbert Sankar, Assistant General Manager, Sales & Marketing**



**Staff members of Scotiabank flank the official Scotiabank sponsored Dragon Boat**

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