

PRESS RELEASE

SANTA FLORA GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL GETS A VISIT FROM SCOTIABANK

With the Secondary Schools' Assessment examination just two months away, officials from Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited recently paid a visit to the Santa Flora Government Primary School, to deliver a donation of library books for the school's library and to offer S.E.A. scholarships in the form of ScotiaYes accounts to the top ten performing students at the school.

The Bank took a genuine interest in assisting the school after its principal approached them due to her stated objective of heightening literacy levels of the student population. With a population of approximately 175 students, the school has been in existence for 57 years.

While at the school, Reena Panchorie, Scotiabank's Assistant Manager, Public and Corporate Affairs, and Shazard Mohammed, Assistant Manager, Sales Support and Kiddy Cricket Champion, were given a tour of the school's facilities by its principal, Mrs. Patricia Bissessar.

In addressing the Standard Five classes at the school, Panchorie explained that the school was a beneficiary of the Scotiabank Bright Future Program. She added that "The Scotiabank Bright Future Program is a corporate giving and communication program that helps support opportunities for the children and communities in which we live and work. We are pleased to offer to you today 10 S.E.A. ScotiaYes scholarships to help defray your expenses as you enter secondary school and we are also happy to show our support by donating these books to your school's library. As the future generation of our country, Scotiabank is committed to doing its part to assist you in reaching your full potential."

Scotiabank is committed to supporting the communities in which we live and work, both in Canada and abroad. Recognized as a leader internationally and among Canadian corporations for its charitable donations and philanthropic activities, in 2008 the Bank provided about \$43 million in sponsorships and donations to a variety of projects and initiatives, primarily in the areas of healthcare, education, social services and arts and culture. Scotiabank's Bright Future Program is on the World Wide Web at www.scotiabankbrightfuture.com.



From left, Reena Panchorie, Assistant Manager, Public & Corporate Affairs at Scotiabank and Mrs. Shabana Khan, Librarian at Santa Flora Government Primary School show students some of the donated library books

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