



Seychelles Institute of Technology Open Day

“SIT in Action”

The Seychelles Institute of Technology will open its doors to the general public, parents, secondary schools students, students from other Professional Centres and its partners in industry on Friday 6th November 2015 at Providence Industrial Estate from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

The Open Day is aimed at show-casing the activities that go on at SIT on a normal training day. Visitors will have the opportunity to observe practical activities in both the workshops and around the campus by students on the different programmes. A rain water storage arrangement will be exhibited in the Plumbing workshop. There will also be on sale woodwork products such as flush doors, stools, coconut scrapers (larap koko) in the Carpentry Workshop.

The theme for this year's Open Day is “**SIT in Action**”. This theme is to remind all potential learners, students and the general public, that SIT is that Professional Centre which leads learners to acquire practical skills, expertise and understanding, necessary for employment in a the different domains of Engineering, Built Environment and Telecommunication.

SIT is celebrating its 10th year of establishment and it is fitting for the Professional Centre to demonstrate how far it has reached in training of the Seychellois youth and in development of its training capacity.

The highlights of the day will be the launching of the SIT New Website (www.sit.sc) and the unveiling of the First ever SIT Ten-year Souvenir Magazine, copies of which will be presented to dignitaries during the Opening ceremony. The Souvenir magazine will then go on sale to SIT staff and students, past and present.

Guided by its Charter, SIT now has a Governing Board with Lieutenant Colonel Andre Ciseau, currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Seychelles Port Authority (SPA) as its Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson is Mr. Phillippe Morin, CEO of Public Utilities Corporation (PUC). The other members on the board are Mr. Keshra Budhia, owner and Managing Director of Shreeji Construction, Mr. Muditha Gunatilake, business owner of DoubleClick, Mr. Ronny Ernesta business owner of Advanced Technical Services (ATS), Mrs. Veronica Bristol Students Support Officer from Seychelles Maritime Academy (SMA). SIT's representatives on the board are:

Mr. Hubert Barbé, Director SIT, Mrs. Rubina Ernesta Coordinator of Studies at SIT, Ms. Pauldina Lajoie, Programme Leader at SIT, Mr. Saul Athanase at SIT and Ms. Radecca Fred, a student at SIT.

The SIT board members have expressed their full commitment to provide SIT with good governance and to work as a team to put SIT on a solid foundation, where training and short courses in different domains of Engineering, Built Environment and Telecommunication, can be made available to all in Seychelles, catering for everyone on the basis of academic and technical competences. These full-time programmes training and short courses are to start in 2016 and can be found on the new SIT website.

SIT is grateful for the continuous hard work of its staff, who without their support the event would not be possible. SIT is also grateful for assistance and support provided by our partners from industry throughout the ten years of its establishment. Hundreds of SIT students have benefitted and are still benefitting with work placements for their work based experience (WBE). This, in itself, creates opportunities and increases the chance for them to be employed by the different companies.

Everyone is cordially invited on this special occasion to meet the students the businesses which have participated with their company's advert in the SIT Souvenir Magazine and the publisher we say and lecturers, view the facilities and to find out what “*SIT in Action*” is all about .

Hubert Barbé
Director