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Prime Minister Spencer New Year Message 2013 "Realizing Hope - Committed to the Task"



*Honourable Dr Baldwin W
Spencer, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda*

My Fellow Antiguan and Barbudans; Residents and Friends of Antigua and Barbuda:

As we stand at the portal of a New Year, we are reminded that it signals a new start and new hope for a better Antigua and Barbuda. As a nation, we are thankful to Almighty God for his blessings throughout 2012 and for giving us the opportunity to usher in a New Year.

Unfortunately, there are some members of our Antigua and Barbuda family, who are no longer with us this year. To their families, it is my hope that the memories

you shared, will give you comfort.

I wish to also offer my best wishes and prayers and that of the government, for a speedy return to good health, to all those who are warded in hospitals or at home including the Hon. Minister of Education Dr Jacqui Quinn-Leandro.

To those who care for our loved ones in hospitals and nursing homes, the government expresses its gratitude for your service. Your unselfish dedication to giving back to the nation of Antigua and Barbuda deserves all of our commendation.

Words of gratitude are also expressed to the men and women of our security forces, public servants, members of non-governmental organizations, service clubs and the church for your national effort in doing good for Antigua and Barbuda.

I wish to also commend those ambassadors who have worked tirelessly to deliver for Antigua and Barbuda in significant ways throughout

the past year. Particularly, our overseas Permanent Representatives and non-resident Ambassadors are to be highly applauded for their dedication.

Expressions of gratitude are also extended to my Cabinet Colleagues and other members of parliament, senators and parliamentary secretaries for their support throughout 2012 and for remaining committed and staying the course in advancing the government’s People First agenda.

Throughout this New Year, it is my hope that we will all recommit to redoubling our efforts to continue to serve the people.

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31st December 2012
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High Commissioner's Christmas Message December 2012



*His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG
High Commissioner to the Court of St James's*

Every year at this time as I sit down to write a fitting message for the Newsletter, my thoughts reflect back over the many days gone by to recall happenings of significance in my life and the lives of those around me. This year is indeed of much significance for it carried many memorable moments of joy and yet some of sadness. There was much joy associated with the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics. These were juxtaposed with the many natural disasters and man-made incidents of sadness.

The presence of the cold winds of winter reminds us also of the period of Advent; that special time leading up to Christmas when we recall and celebrate the coming of the Messiah – Jesus Christ into this world. It is also a time when faith is tested severely, and human kindness is in much short supply. Where is the love that our Lord spoke of and St. Paul wrote about when he stated that “love suffers long and is kind”.

In my Christmas message for the December 2008 Newsletter (Issue #130), I pointed out the many behavioural traits and “accomplishments” which characterise societies of today. I ask myself then, if our Lord Jesus were to visit this world today, would he not chide us as he did the Sadducees and Pharisees of his time. It is therefore truly a time to re-adjust --- to bring things back in line with the life style which our Saviour demands of us all.

We have seen an increase in fighting, floods, hurricanes, typhoons, tornadoes and many other forms of activities which bring devastation on mankind. The effects of the recent financial crises are still with us even today. The level of uncertainty is still forcing many governments, companies and families to cut spending in an effort to mitigate further deterioration in the quality of living and distress. The green shoots which were seen during 2012, have either died or are struggling to grow.

We boast of tremendous achievements and yet there are still too many persons living below the poverty line. New strains of illness challenge the authorities on a regular basis. The wealth of the world is being enjoyed by the “few” at the expense of the “many”. We are finding it difficult to re-adjust our lifestyles to spread the benefits of the resources of the world and the technological advances we have achieved. We talk of pledges and not of commitment. The Bible speaks of service with words (our lips) and not with action (our hearts). We struggle with a commitment to do what is right; willing only to do and justify action for what is expedient.

The final effect and consequences of many world events are still too early to determine. The uprisings in the Middle East, the change of Leadership in France and the success of President B Obama in the recent USA elections are just a few of these. We hope much good will come out of all of these in 2013 and beyond.

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I was delighted to read of efforts in the UK in the area of green energy generation with the world's first 1 Gigawatt offshore wind farm project that will supply power to some 750,000 homes – a quarter of those in London. The project, known as the London Array, uses some 341 wind turbines and will reduce the carbon emission by nearly 2 million tonnes per year.

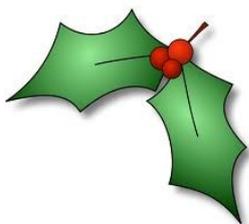
For those of us who follow cricket, there was a certain feeling of joy at the news of the West Indies Cricket team's recent success. Was it the beginning of good things to come, a green shoot of success which we hope will thrive and flourish? We certainly wish the team and particularly the Captain, continued success.

Let us therefore as stated in the Daily Watchwords of the Moravian Church ask our Lord to “bring sanity, justice and peace to [our] wayward world”. Let us ask to be taught to reverence the earth and to care for other people; not to harm anything that [God] has made, either by neglect, deliberate fault or thoughtless greed.

Finally, I take this opportunity on behalf of my family, the staff of the High Commission, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and of my own behalf, to wish all the readers of this publication Seasons Greetings. May the Season of Christmas and the expectations of the New Year bring an upliftment of our spirits. May the God, we serve, bless and protect each and everyone of us now and throughout the New Year (2013).

His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG

High Commissioner to the Court of James's



“May God Bless and Protect us now and throughout the New Year”

Prime Minister Spencer receives UN Visionary Leadership Award



Prime Minister the Honourable Dr. W. Baldwin Spencer received the South-South and Triangular Visionary Leadership Award in a ceremony held at the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), on the first day of the 5th Annual Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo 2012.

The Visionary Award is given annually to leaders from countries and institutions that focus primarily on the development of the global South who, through their actions, have placed the cooperative spirit centre stage in international efforts to improve the human condition.

In accepting the award on behalf of the Prime Minister, who could not attend the ceremony, Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United Nations H.E. Dr. John W. Ashe read out a statement from the

Prime Minister which stated: "I am pleased and honoured to be given this prestigious award, whose significance is seen in the goals developing countries have strived to achieve through the multitude of South-South alliances that have been formed over the years. I would like to thank the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation for this singular honour, which recognizes leaders who have used South-South cooperation as a uniting framework to foster economic integration, the formation of negotiating blocs during multilateral negotiations, political alliances, shar-



ing of knowledge, experience and technology, cross-sectoral collaboration and in advancing cultural exchanges."

The award ceremony is part of the five-day GSSD Expo 2012, which runs from November 19-23. This

year's expo, a UN-sponsored forum and the fifth one of its kind, has over 30 organizations, agencies and institutional partners, and will highlight the dual themes of sustainable energy and climate change and showcase more than thirty practical, successful interventions in the field that have raised living standards and promoted sustainable growth and prosperity in developing countries.

These Southern-grown development solutions range from renewable energy to energy-efficient technologies; green economy pathways; energy access and climate change; social protection, job security and economic empowerment in energy sectors; restoring and rehabilitating degraded habitats and ecosystems services; food security, agricultural productivity and the conservation of agriculture; protection of health, well-being and livelihoods of venerable populations and many others.

Ambassador Ashe, who opened the Expo in his capacity as President of the UN High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, opined that he hoped that the Expo will spur greater innovation, greater partnership, greater energy and interest in tackling the common challenges to development in a coherent and collective manner so as to ensure that the development gains are equitably shared by all countries of the developing world.

20th December 2012

Useful Telephone Numbers in Antigua and Barbuda

Registrar of Births, Marriages, Deaths—001 268 462 3725

Land Registry—001 268 462 3745 Or 562 3943 or 562 3894

CIP to become law by the first quarter of 2013



The Citizenship by Investment Programme will become law by the first quarter of 2013. The Bill will return to the Order Paper for the Lower House in the New Year, owing to technical drafting issues that were caused by changes made to some sections of the proposed legislation.

The Bill passed in the Lower

House in the early hours of November 17, but changes made during the Committee Stage have necessitated other changes, Attorney General Justin Simon explained.

While delivering the 2013 throne speech Governor General Dame Louise Lake-Tack said it is with the vision for mobilizing international capital while leveraging the country's competitive advantage that government has designed the Citizenship by Investment Programme.

Dame Louise said Government's adoption of a Citizenship by Investment Programme is based on confidence that it will:

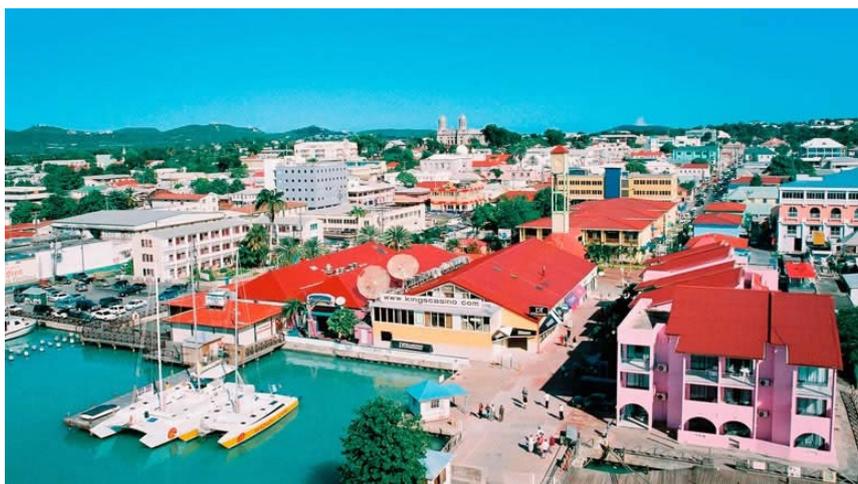
- Promote economic growth, bolster job creation and fuel entrepreneurship;
- Attract developments which

create ongoing and sustained tax revenues and other forms of income;

- Ensure social development in areas of health care, education, sports, youth development, culture, environment management and care for senior citizens;
- Generate significant capital injection annually into the national economy;
- Support the development of infrastructure, and
- Ensure that nationals continue to have access to affordable lands.

12th December 2012

Commercial development to get boost through Construct Antigua Barbuda Initiative



Government will expand the Construct Antigua Barbuda Initiative (CABI) to now include commercial development. Minister of Finance Hon. Harold Lovell said the recommendation is a proposal from the Employers' Federation.

"Government is very pleased with the results of the Construct Antigua and Barbuda Initiative. The impact of the programme has far out-

weighed our original estimates as we expect the total value of projects to exceed \$100 million by the time the CABI is set to conclude at the end of February 2013." Minis-

ter Lovell said.

Once the CABI concludes in February 2013, there will be an assessment of its operations and full impact on the economy. Minister Lovell said the initiative demonstrates the great outcomes that can be achieved when Government and the private sector work together to boost economic activity.

"Through the CABI, we managed

to jump-start activity in the construction sector and this has in turn benefitted wholesale and retail trade, increased employment, and improved the demand for private sector credit" The Finance Minister said.

"Undoubtedly, the CABI has contributed to the expansion in economic activity in 2012." he added.

The Finance Minister anticipates that as all the projects are implemented over the coming months, this programme will help to secure further growth in the economy.

CABI was launched in July 2011 by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda. The purpose of the initiative is to stimulate the construction sector of the economy by reducing the cost of home ownership through government incentives and private sector participation

21st December 2012

Clarence House restoration project launched



There was levity in the air and it combined with pride, purpose and a sense of accomplishment to create a feel good moment as the Clarence House Restoration Project was launched at the site.

The project, which will restore the state house and the gardens to its onetime majesty, is being funded by a US \$3 million grant from Peter Harrison and the Harrison Foundation.

Harrison, a sailor who has visited the country annually since his maiden outing in Antigua Sailing Week in 1995, has also committed to a US \$1.5 million loan to construct a new harbour that will accommodate up to 10 super yachts at any given time.

The British benefactor, it was also revealed, has funded the expansion of the National Sailing Academy at satellite locations at Jolly Harbour and Parham. The programme's roots are in English Harbour.

Chairman of the National Parks Authority Claude Anthony, who expressed gratitude to Harrison, called the moment "joyous."

He said a restored Clarence House, once home to naval dockyard commissioners, governors of the Lee-

ward Islands, as well as a honeymoon spot for royalty, will bring

great benefits to residents and visitors alike.

A jovial Harrison, whose 115-foot yacht, Sojana, was the overall Antigua Sailing Week winner this year, joked that National Parks Commissioner Anne-Marie Martin pitched the Clarence House project at the right psychological moment.

To be clear, Harrison said he was initially hesitant, informing Martin that his UK-based charity has a focus on supporting sporting activities and projects that provide opportunities for disabled and other disadvantaged individuals.

He quickly added, "Obviously, I must have been so mighty pleased having won the Lord Nelson Trophy." Of his expectation for the end product, Harrison said he is expecting the "wow factor."

Trustee of the Clarence House Trust Dr. Reginald Murphy expressed confidence that the finished product would rival any heritage site in the world. In painting a picture of what will be -- stately inside, botanical splendor outside -- he referenced Jamaica's famed historical landmark Devon House and said Clarence House would be better.

"We have a project here that we can surpass every island in the Caribbean if we can get it right," Dr. Murphy added.

Featured speaker Minister of Finance Harold Lovell, meanwhile, noted the economic and historic importance of the project.

He, too, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Harrison, saying "for him to have donated three million US, I wonder if we can really understand the magnitude of his generosity and the significance of the gift."

"We are looking at another serious step and milestone as Antigua and Barbuda takes another step towards World Heritage status for Nelson's Dockyard," the minister said.

A timeline of 12 months was given for the project, which will be managed by the National Parks Authority. MP for the area, Eleston Adams, who was also fulsome in praise for the donation and the work by the National Parks Authority, issued a plea for residents of St. Paul to be considered for jobs.

Andrew Goodenough has replaced an ailing Junie Davis as the engineer, Dr. Murphy noted. He also said the labour force would come primarily from the team responsible for the upkeep of the dockyard.

Praising their artisanship and lamenting its scarcity, the archaeologist announced that the Clarence House project would have an apprenticeship programme, in concert with the Ministry of Education.

"Everyone who works with the project will be certified by the Ministry of Education in historical site restoration and, as such, care consideration will be placed in the recruitment process," Dr. Murphy said.

Clarence House was built in 1804-1806 for the Duke of Clarence, the future King William IV, who served under Horatio Nelson as a captain. Hurricanes in 1998 dismantled the verandas off two sides of the house, causing damaged to the stone walls and roof. Termites also wreaked havoc with the wooden aspects of the structure.

14th December 2012

Barbuda MP made — 'Acting' PM in November



Honourable Trevor M Walker, Minister of Works and Transport

Minister of Public Works and Transport Trevor Walker is viewing as historic his appointment to act as prime minister in the absence of the chief servant and his deputy from the country.

The Member of Parliament for Barbuda assumed the reins from 22nd November 2012 and sat at the helm until 1st December 2012. Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer was attending a conference in Dubai, and Minister of Finance, the Economy and Public Administration Harold Lovell was in Dominica, attending a meeting of the OECS Authority.

"I am the first Barbudan to address the United Nations General Assem-

bly; the first Barbudan to hold a post as a substantive minister of government; the first Barbudan to be a member of the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda; and the first Barbudan to act as prime minister," Walker said.

The Minister of Public Works said he sees the confidence reposed in him as an inspiration for all Barbudans.

"It proves that we can be equals in this state of Antigua and Barbuda and that Barbudans can and must aim high," Minister Walker said.

*23rd November 2012

Celebrations in the UK

for

31st Anniversary of Antigua and Barbuda's Independence

The 31st Anniversary of Independence was celebrated in the UK by the Antigua and Barbuda Association London Thanksgiving Service at St Matthias Church on Sunday 28th October 2012. The address was given by His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner under the Theme, " Antigua and Barbuda—One Family: Uniting for a Cleaner, Greener and More Productive Nation". Many nationals and friends attended. Some Renditions included Antigua and Barbuda National Association Choir, Harry Hughes steelband.

On Tuesday 30th October 2012 Evensong at Westminster Abbey was dedicated to Antigua and Barbuda's Independence and was attended by nationals and friends of Antigua and Barbuda. The Second Lesson was read by His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner.

The grand finale was a dinner dance held on Saturday 10th November 2012 at the well-known Holiday Inn Russell Square organized by the Antigua and Barbuda National Association. His Excellency Dr Carl Roberts and Mrs Pauline Roberts, spouse of His Excellency, Nationals from all around the UK including Leicester attended in numbers to join in the celebrations.

Construction ahead of schedule for New Airport Terminal

Five months after work began on the construction of a new terminal at the V C Bird International Airport, Government officials toured the facility and were able to see first-hand the progress at the construction site.

Prime Minister Dr. Hon. Baldwin Spencer, Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Hon. John Maginley, Non-Resident Ambassador to the People's Republic of China; David Shoul, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China; H.E Ambassador Liu Hanming and Senator Joanne Massiah were among the officials that toured the facility.

According to Consultant Engineer for the Airport Authority, Mr B.T Lewis, the contractors are ahead of schedule on the project and they are now entering level one of the facility.

However officials are currently negotiating an expansion to the facility which will include car parks.

Ambassador Shoul said the negotiations are in progress, "...but in a short while everything will be put to rest."

Prime Minister Spencer said he is, "overly impressed I think they have done an excellent job so far."

The country's leader noted the new facility will open economic doors and assist with the development of a strategic plan for the country.

The China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation is construct-

ing the facility, with 30 percent of the overall investment funneled into the local economy through the employment of local contractors and other services.

The Chinese are responsible for the design and construction of the project, providing the necessary construction machinery, equipment and materials, and dispatching the requi-

Featuring extensive retail space with a food court and modern comforts such as Wi-Fi Internet Access, and two VIP lounges. The 165,814 square foot terminal will have 26 check-in counters, and 20 immigration desks.

Minister Maginley said Government is committed to enhancing the overall visitor arrival and departure experience and is therefore extremely



site number of Chinese technicians and workers to Antigua and Barbuda to organise the construction.

"It is a good cooperation project for Antigua and Barbuda and after the terminal is completed it will be a good push for the tourism industry." H.E Ambassador Liu Hanming said.

The People's Republic of China has granted a \$300 million RMB Grant/Concessional Loan to the government to construct the terminal.

The new facility will be fully air conditioned with modern structures such as elevators, escalators and three jet bridges.

pleased to be making a move to a more equipped terminal.

"We have to keep pace with other Caribbean islands and this new airport will significantly enhance our tourism market. Airports are the first and last impression you have of an island and we want to make sure that we have a wonderful facility to join with our warm and friendly people." Maginley said.

The new airport terminal is expected to be completed in December 2013.

6th September 2012

NOTICE

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WISHES TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE NAME AND FULL ADDRESS DETAILS. WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING THE NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF OUR YOUNG NATIONALS TO ADD TO OUR DATABASE AND OUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

THANK YOU

Prison Farm officially launched

but he foresees that surpluses could be sent to the Central Marketing Corporation (CMC) and even exported. The funds generated could



A critical aspect of the rehabilitation programme within Her Majesty's Prison was officially launched on Wednesday. The trust to re-establish the prison farm at Duers' Estate was unveiled to the public in a short on site ceremony.

The prison farm, located on 12 acres of land has already started to yield produce such as carrots, okra, sweet potatoes, peppers and corn. Inmates work daily on the farm which is expected to provide produce not only for the prison, but whose surplus is expected to serve other entities such as the Fiennes Institute.

Minister of National Security and Labour, Sen. the Hon. Dr. L. Errol Cort said not only will the "bountiful crops" be used to feed the inmates,

then be used to create other programs that would benefit inmates. He added that the project was made possible in no small part by the Government of the United Kingdom and the British High Commission.

Minister Cort said the primary purpose of the prison farm is rehabilitation as inmates learn techniques of farming and will not only be equipped to provide food for themselves on their release, but also engage in gainful employment.

Minister of Agriculture Hon. Hilson Baptiste said the farm could ease the government's and CMC's bill by producing the foods needed to feed all institutionalized persons. He congratulated the inmates and the project team and pledged the continued support of the Agricultural Ministry.

Project Coordinator John McKinnon within the Ministry of National Security shared with those gathered some of the business oriented plans being initiated as a part of the project. He made reference to the Contract Farmer Programme which will see inmates trained in the practices, economics and technology of modern farming being available provide days labour on local farms for a fee. He also noted that the farm has a small scale livestock production used primarily for the needs of the prison.

Mr. McKinnon joined the Minister of National Security and the Minister of Agriculture in thanking all of the persons and businesses that contributed to the ongoing success of the project. Special mention was made of the heavy duty operators that initially cleared the land, as well as Diamonds Estate, APUA, ABDF, Transport Board, the Permanent Secretary and staff of the Ministry of national Security, members and departments of the Ministry of Agriculture and the hardworking inmates and prison officers.

Governor General Dame Louise Lake-Tack in her remarks wished the "gentlemen farmers" the best, and encouraged them to engage in self employment on release as they now have a valuable skill that will enable them to do so.

Persons wishing to support the prison farm project are asked to contact the Ministry of National Security at 562-5416 or 562-6471. Such help is always appreciated.

9th December 2012

To Our Readers

We apologise for the lateness of the receipt of the newsletter

Honouring our National Heroes



On Sunday 9th December, 2012, Antiguan and Barbudans celebrated 'Heroes' Day', which is the day set aside to honour the lives of Antiguan and Barbudans, whose contributions to the country have changed the history of Antigua and Barbuda for the better.

These individuals include: First Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda -- The Hon. Dr. Sir Vere Cornwall Bird Senior, Second Premier of Antigua and Barbuda -- Sir George H. Walter, Cricket Legend -- Sir Vivian Richards, educator and leader in education -- Dame Georgiana Nellie Robinson, and the leader of the slavery revolt that freed the country from slavery regulations -- King "Prince Klaas" Court.

While Heroes Day is a means of remembering the part these great persons played in nation building, recognizing their contributions on an annual basis will also serve to inspire new generations of citizens to do the same.

The Right Honorable Doctor Vere Cornwall Bird Sr, Antigua's first Prime Minister.

Sir Vere Cornwall Bird was the first Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda from 1981-1994. Although he lacked any formal education aside from primary school, his work experience in both the Salvation Army and the Antigua Trades and Labour Union sparked his interests in unionism and politics. He was elected to the colonial legislature in 1945, and became the founding member of the Antigua Labour Party. In 1994 he was declared a national hero.

One sure thing can be said of VC Bird, he loved Antigua and its people. This love drove him to enter the field of politics so that he could lobby for the people against the colonial landowners. His drive, conviction and passion for Antigua propelled VC Bird to assist in the independence process for Antigua in 1981.

Dame Georgiana (Nellie) Robinson, Antigua's lone female heroine.

At the mere age of 18, Nellie Robinson started her own school the T.O.R Memorial School. Nellie afforded local disadvantaged children a chance at secondary education, which was not available to them at the time. With a strong hand and firm conviction Miss Robinson was the headmistress of the still existing school from 1898 to 1950.

Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards is by far Antigua's most famous sports personality.

Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards, known as the "Master Blaster," was a champion cricketer for Antigua and Barbuda. Known for his forceful batting skills, he is arguably the greatest batsman of his generation. Richards received an honorary knighthood for his services to cricket, and was named in Wisden 2000 as one of the Five Cricketers of the Century.

In his career he played 121 test matches and scored 8450 runs collectively. Cricket lovers all around the world hold Sir Viv in high regard; hence he was voted one of the top five cricketers of the century.

Sir George Herbert Walter was the second premier of Antigua and Barbuda.

In his short tenure from 1972-1976 Sir George managed to pass the Social Security and Labour Acts, which were adopted, by many Caribbean islands. As a leader, Sir George had a vision for his country. He believed

that Antiguan and Barbudans had to be self-reliant and chart the course of independence from the colonial powers in order to achieve economic prosperity. Furthermore, his foresight enabled Antigua and Barbuda to expand its productive base beyond the sugar industry and to diversify its economy, thereby laying the groundwork for the increased economic growth and development that the country has experienced.

King Court Tackey (Prince Klaas)

In 1736 Klaas and three other slaves who were fed up of their deplorable conditions decided to plan an elaborate revolt against the slave owners. Unfortunately their plot was discovered and they were executed. In those days to even think of trying to take your fortune into your own hands was more than courageous.

The National Heroes' Day is an opportunity to discover the lives of these heroes of Antigua and Barbuda and see the possibilities of the Antiguan and Barbudan identity.

The National Heroes Day Committee organised the following activities for National Heroes Day.

Sunday 9th December 2012:
10:00 a.m.-Service of Recognition at the Salvation Army Citadel – Long Street followed by wreath laying at the St. John's Public Cemetery, King Court (Prince Klaas Monument) Independence Drive and Heroes Park – Tomlinsons.

Monday 10th December, 2012:
10:00 a.m. -Official Opening Ceremony Precision Centre followed by an exhibition.

Monday 10th December 2012:
5:00 p.m. - Portrayal of National Heroes

7th December 2012

Farewell Curliss God Speed



*Curliss Adorothy Elise Bart, Counsellor
Antigua and Barbuda High Commission
London*

"We've known lots of pleasure, at times endured pain. We've lived in the sunshine and walked in the rain. But now we're separated and for a time apart, but I am not alone—You're forever in my heart. Death always seems so sudden, and it is always sure, but what is oft' forgotten—it is not without a cure. I'm walking now with someone, and I know He'll always stay, I know He's walking with you too, Giving comfort everyday. There may be times you miss me, I sort of hope you do, but smile when you think of me, for I'll be waiting for you. Now there's many things for you to do, and lots of ways to grow, so get busy, be happy, and live your life, miss me, but let me go". (Excerpted from the Bookmark printed in memory of Curliss)

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Curliss Adorothy Elise Bart was held on Friday 21st December 2012 at The Good Shepherd Anglican Church, St Johnston's Village, Antigua

His Excellency Dr Carl Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner, Mrs Pauline Roberts, spouse of His Excellency and staff at the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority London wish Curliss God Speed and God's Blessings as she undertakes the next journey in her life. May her family and friends find comfort in the knowledge that she is at peace— no more pain.

"What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:4).

**Ms Chalene Roberts is now
a qualified
Chartered Accountant.**

CONGRATULATIONS



After successfully completing a three year training contract within the Asset Management department at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Republic of Ireland, Chalene Roberts, daughter of the High Commissioner, Dr Carl B Roberts and Mrs. Pauline Roberts, is now a qualified Chartered Accountant. Chalene is quoted as saying “the road to this destination has been long, but with God’s help and with much time and effort invested, this qualification has been achieved. My success in becoming a chartered accountant is down not only to my own efforts, but also to the love and support I have received from my parents, brothers, and the entire family circle. I must say a hearty thank you to my family and to everyone who has prayed for my success over the years”.

12th December 2012

Government to simplify land ownership procedure

The process whereby Antiguan and Barbudans will be able to own a piece of the rock will be simplified by the United Progressive Party administration in 2013.

Governor General Dame Louise Lake-Tack made the announcement during the 2013 Throne Speech. According to Her Excellency during this Parliamentary Year, Government intends to simplify the process by which Antiguan and Barbudans can attain land ownership.

This process, a part of the Public Sector Transformation Programme,

will see the Lands Division establishing and implementing a fully functional Management Information System.

This will assist the division in attaining a 25% increase in land development for both residential and commercial purposes by the end of 2013.

In 2013 Government intends to:

1. Establish five subdivisions for development: Piccadilly, Weir’s Estate, Bendals, All Saints’, and Powell’s; and
2. Develop a subdivision for commercial use within the first six months of 2013 in Paynter’s, Belmont and Old Parham Road.

Meanwhile throughout 2013, Government will continue its effort to increase the production of cotton for the Japanese market. Further expansion will also be made to the production of pineapple at Cades Bay Pineapple Station and efforts will be made to supply planting material to farmers in order to increase the production of the Antigua Black Pineapples.

Focus will also be on promoting the sustainable development and responsible management of fisheries and aquaculture activities in Antigua and Barbuda’s waters.

14th December 2012

Antigua and Barbuda Pensioners’ Social Security Life Certificates

Kindly note that Pensioners’ Life Certificates can be witnessed and signed at the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission, 2nd Floor, 45 Crawford Place, London W1H 4LP

For more information or to make an appointment please Telephone 020 7258 0070

National Workshop on Customs and Immigration Controls Improves Border Security

Through an initiative of the Organization of American States (OAS) in collaboration with the Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP), a Workshop on Immigration and Customs Controls was held at the Jolly Beach Hotel from the 12th to 16th November 2012. Participants were drawn from the ONDCP, Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority (ABBAA), Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force/Coast Guard, Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, Customs and Excise Division and Immigration Department.

The Presenters hailed from the French Coast Guard, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and The OAS Anti-Trafficking Unit. Also making presentations at the workshop was an Expert in Crime Investigation Process on Human Trafficking, and CEO of the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking (FCAHT) – USA.

The main objective of the workshop was to deliver technical training to personnel who carry out immigration, customs and border controls/security functions responsible for detecting, preventing, and combating criminal activity at all points of entry into Antigua and Barbuda (airport and seaport). The Course modules included passenger physical and behavioural screening; baggage and cargo screening; trafficking in persons; and inspection of travel, identity and other documents.

One participant echoed the sentiments, “that she found the workshop quite useful and is assured that her new knowledge and skills will assist her to be more effective in her duties.”

The Director of the ONDCP thanked the three branches of the OAS Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, namely the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE), the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) and the Department of Public Security (DPS) for their support and assistance in providing capacity building training for law enforcement in order to better protect the borders of Antigua and Barbuda.

5th December 2012

Antigua and Barbuda at The Commonwealth Fair

On sale were handicrafts made in Antigua and Barbuda and some made by Geraldine Philip,

For those who donated and assisted we wish to extend a big thank you for your efforts in making the day successful.



Seen above: left to right: Ms Geraldine Philip, Ms Sharon Edwards, H E Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner and Mrs Pauline Roberts, spouse of His Excellency

Antigua and Barbuda yet again this year participated in the Commonwealth Fair on Saturday 3rd November 2012 at Kensington Town Hall, London.

Susie's Hotsauce, our aged old English Harbour rum, fruit punch, delicacies such as sugar cake, fudge, guava jelly. General tourism information leaflets were also available.

We wish to convey our appreciation and gratitude especially to Ms Geraldine Philip, Ms Sharon Edwards, nationals of Antigua and Barbuda and Miss Maria Blackman, Marketing and Communications Executive Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority London for so willingly giving of their time.



Seen above: left to right: Ms Geraldine Philip, Ms Sharon Edwards, Mrs Pauline Roberts, and Miss Maria Blackman

Antigua Barbuda Sales Tax Relief



The Government of Antigua and Barbuda reduced the Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax (ABST) rate from 15% to 5%, on Saturday, December 15 and on Sunday, December 16.

The reduction applied to all types

of goods sold in Antigua and Barbuda during the period, from 12:01 am on December, 15, 2012 to mid-

night on December 16, 2012.

The decision followed consultations with the business community and technicians in the Ministry of Finance, the Economy, and Public Administration. The aim is to provide a boost to the local business

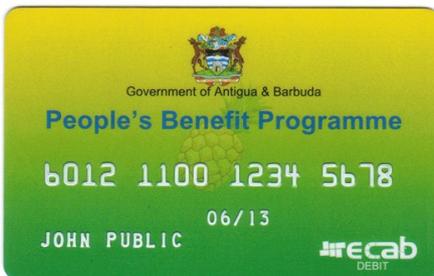
community, particularly for the Christmas season, Minister of Finance Harold Lovell said.

“In an effort to provide a stimulus to the local business community, while at the same time expressing a heartfelt thank you to the citizens of Antigua and Barbuda for their support and patience, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda has agreed to this initiative,” Minister Lovell said.

All citizens and residents were encouraged to avail of this opportunity to shop locally for all their holiday supplies and gifts, and to save while they shop.

11th December 2012

New debit card for People's Benefit Programme



Beneficiaries of the People's Benefit Programme (PBP) will receive new and improved debit cards in 2013. In 2009 the Government of Antigua and Barbuda launched the PBP – a social driven initiative which provides qualified beneficiaries with a monthly subsidy valued at \$215 used towards the purchase of groceries and selected personal items at approved vendor outlets across our twin island State.

Currently there are approximately 1,800 persons who are benefitting from this programme. Throughout the latter half of 2012, repeated

computer and other technical challenges associated with the debit cards used to facilitate purchasing transactions caused significant inconvenience to both our beneficiaries and vendors.

Given the United Progressive Party Government's People First Agenda and its commitment to effectively meet the needs of the most vulnerable in the society, certain changes have been initiated which are expected to enhance the shopping experience of our stakeholders.

Consequently, effective January 2, 2013 a new and improved debit card will be introduced to all existing beneficiaries. As a result, current cards will expire on December 31, 2012 and cannot be used for purchases after this date.

To accommodate the efficient and seamless exchange of cards, ALL beneficiaries and/or their authorized payees are requested to take their current PBP debit cards along with valid photo identification to

the Multipurpose Centre at Perry Bay on January 2, 3 or 4, 2013 between the hours of 9am and 4pm to receive their new cards.

The government remains committed to ensuring that the benefits of the PBP reach the target group of persons within our community who require assistance most.



14th December 2012

New police station opens in Carlisle

A new police station, located in Carlisle, was recently opened during a brief ceremony attended by Minister of National Security Dr Errol Cort, Commissioner of Police Vere Browne and other officers.

Officers expressed their appreciation for the new quarters, as the Public Works Department has condemned their previous location. It was noted

that other police stations across the country were in similar states as that of the Coolidge.

Station and Minister of National Security Dr Errol Cort, in his remarks, called on Commissioner of Police Vere Browne to ensure that similar spaces as the one in Carlisle, were sought for the stations on the southern side of the island, such as the Nelson's Dock Yard.

Commissioner of Police called on

those men and women who would have moved into the new quarters in Carlisle to go door to door and introduce and integrate themselves into their new community. This, he said, was a critical component of the Community Policing Initiative.

The blessing of the new quarters was conducted by Deacon George Richards of the Anglican Church, a former police officer himself.

11th December 2012

Christmas Barrel initiative began 1st December 2012



The Christmas Barrel Initiative for the 2012 Yuletide season began on 1st December 2012 and ran until 7th

January 2013. The Initiative is designed to benefit families who require the assistance of relatives and friends overseas with foodstuff, clothes and toiletries.

Barrels will be free of import duty and will not attract the Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax (ABST). However they will be subject to the 10 per cent Revenue Recovery Charge on the value of the contents, and an administrative charge of EC\$10.

Items other than food, clothing and

toiletries will attract the normal duties and taxes. A maximum of two individuals will be allowed to examine any barrel, and at no time would more than 100 people be allowed at the port in general, as part of new Port Authority security measures.

In order for consumers to qualify under the initiative, imported barrels must reach the island within the time period outlined.

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30th November 2012

Urgent call for machine readable passports

Citizens of Antigua and Barbuda who have not yet obtained machine readable passports are being urged to do so, with haste, in their own self-interest and also as a matter of national interest. For several years now, Minister of National Security and Labour Sen. the Hon. Dr. L. Errol Cort and the Citizenship and Passport Division have advised people to obtain machine readable passports.

These calls have, however, gone unheeded in some quarters. Some people who have dragged their feet on the process frequently ask, "Why do I have to go through the expense to change my passport before it expires?" Permanent Secretary within the Citizen and Passport Division Jocelyn Greene said individuals still using non-machine readable passports often face border control officers who are not equipped to deal with

the documents, which are virtually obsolete.

Passengers are inconvenienced, Greene explained, by having to wait for long periods until their documents are verified. She added that some countries simply do not accept people travelling on non-machine readable passports. Greene said a potential negative implication of individuals not upgrading their passports is concern by larger territories, like the European Union, about the integrity of the non-machine readable passports.

She said these countries may impose visa restrictions on countries whose citizens continue to travel on non-machine readable passports. The concern is that these documents can easily be tampered with and may pose a threat to border security. Greene added that machine readable and e-passports have become the norm, and the International Civil Aviation

body has set a fast-approaching deadline for passports to either be an e-passport or a machine readable passport.

Machine readable passports were introduced in Antigua and Barbuda in 2006. The new document is navy blue instead of black and bears the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) logo. The new and improved version of the passport has updated safety features that make it difficult for fraudsters to tamper with the document and to reproduce it. These security features are also able to be read by machine. This reduces time spent at immigration counters and help to reduce the occurrence of human error in processing travellers.

Officials in the Ministry of National Security continue to encourage people with non-machine readable passports to upgrade the document despite the expiry date.

19th November 2012

Work on Long Bay Public Park project continues

Officials in the Ministry of Tourism are continuing meetings with stakeholders, with a view to arriving at consensus to proceed with the Long Bay Public Park.

Concerns from some quarters are that the public will be denied access to the beach and the vendors, who now depend primarily on guests at Allegro Resort Pineapple Beach, will be dislocated.

But Minister of Finance, the Economy and Public Administration Harold Lovell has noted that the government would, in fact, create a beach park that would redound to the benefit of the vendors and beachgoers.

The proposals include the erection of 10 vendors' kiosks, two water sports booths, two restaurants, a bar, children's park, bathroom facilities and parking areas. The entire project can be seen on the Government of Antigua and Barbuda website, antiguabarbuda.gov.ag.

Director of Tourism Policy and Planning Antigua and Barbuda Department of Tourism Cortwright Marshall said since the ministry's last discussion with stakeholders, including the vendors, the plans have been modified to take into account their input and concerns.

The Ministry of Tourism is hopeful that a resolution will be arrived at soon, since the project will help to provide a better vending environment and a more beach friendly atmosphere for the public. The pro-

ject will also enhance the brand image of the area and serve as a model for the future enhancement of beaches around the island, tourism officials said.

The location is adjacent to the site for the proposed construction of a 400-room, world-class Beaches Resort hotel to be financed by Gordon "Butch" Stewart, the founder of Sandals Resort.

That project will generate approximately 400 construction sector jobs and 1,000 jobs upon completion. Stakeholder consultations are expected to continue for the rest of the year.

3rd December 2012

Antigua and Barbuda hosts TravelMole "Legends of Cricket" match



Cricket enthusiasts in Antigua and Barbuda had a unique opportunity to see the results of a collaborative Sports Tourism venture undertaken by TravelMole UK, The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority and the Ministry of Tourism Antigua and Barbuda.

The venture dubbed "The Legends of Cricket/ Antigua vs. The UK" saw approximately 15 tour operators and journalists inclusive of former professional English player Chris Schoffield, visited Antigua and Barbuda from October 20th-24th.

As a part of the familiarization trip TravelMole (which is the biggest online resource for the travel industry publishing daily alerts to all interested in world-widetravel), targeted the niche area of sports tourism to sensitize the participants of the rich history in cricket that has become synonymous with the tourism product in Antigua and Barbuda.

The legends cricket match took place on October 22nd at 5:30 pm at the Rising Sun Cricket Grounds and featured legends of Antiguan Cricket such as Ridley Jacobs, Pernel Roxy Joseph, Carl Roberts, Wildin Cornwall and Frankie Francis. The Antigua team to be captained by Winston Benjamin also saw Elroy Francis, Sherman James, Cortwright Pigott, Goldin Prince, Vince Smith and Stanford James going up against the TravelMole Legends team captained by Chris Schoffield.

While in Antigua, the TravelMole Team which was hosted at the Verandah Resort, visited the Devil's Bridge, the Historic Nelson's Dockyard, The Shirley Heights Lookout and Stingray City.

Minister of Tourism the Hon. John Maginley hosted the group on Tuesday October 23rd to cocktails and entertainment at Bubba's Restaurant situated in Buckley's Village.

According to Minister Maginley, "Antigua and Barbuda as a Caribbean tourist destination with its sporting history rich in cricket will only stand to benefit from such a partnership with TravelMole." He continued, "we can never pay in dollar value for the kind of exposure that the twin-island destination will receive via such an online marketing company that publishes 15 eNewsletters and broadcasts hundreds of videos to its over 450,000 travel and tourism industry professional registered members, as well as its 30 million consumers in 132 countries."

Antiguans and Barbudans, cricket fans and clubs alike witnessed the cricket match which was free of cost to rally around the Antiguan and Barbudan Legends of Cricket.

17th October 2012

CCTV Project High On Security Ministry's Agenda



Minister of National Security Dr. Hon. Errol Cort said going into 2013 implementing a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) project for Antigua and Barbuda would be high on the Ministry's agenda. Government intends to embark on a phased project to place CCTV cameras at strategic locations across the state.

This will assist in the law enforcement functions of the police and aid in the security of the nation.

"I believe if we are able to do that in the Ministry of National Security we would have gone a long way in terms of improving our approach to crime and the technology that we use to detect crime." Dr Cort said.

Meanwhile throughout the new Parliamentary Year, work will continue assiduously to improve the overall security of the twin island state of Antigua and Barbuda. As such several Departments within the Ministry have acquired new equipment and skills towards that endeavour.

In 2012 the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force successfully recruited and trained 24 new soldiers. The Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force Coast Guard recently received two Secure Seas Interceptors or Go-Fast Vessels that will directly impact the number of patrols carried out by the Coast Guard.

These vessels, donated by the United States through the Caribbean Security Basin Initiative, will enhance the search and rescue operations of the Coast Guard as well as their primary

use in the anti-trafficking and anti-smuggling fight.

The Immigration Department too has its role to play in Border Security, and in 2012 the Department acquired several pieces of equipment that have been used in the effort to secure the nation's borders. The Department is now in possession of a foster and freeman eye DCI, a compact portable device for checking security and travel documents at the border.

A new finger-printing machine within the Immigration Department is poised to link persons within the OECS. The technology also enables persons on the sister isle of Barbuda to obtain police records in Barbuda.

Also in 2013 the Police Force will continue to upgrade the police stations that have been identified as needing extensive repairs. The Kennel for the K9 Unit will also be completed in 2013.

13th December 2012

Internship Programme at Antigua and Barbuda High Commission London

The High Commission for Antigua and Barbuda is offering two internship positions for students of Antigua and Barbuda origin who wish to achieve an understanding of the functions and role of the High Commission in the UK and to develop their own knowledge and skills in the processes specific to the High Commission (that is passport, visa, administrative).

The programme is suitable to a student currently enrolled in a first degree programme or equivalent and is available initially for a three-month period (during term time) and involves some research on issues affecting Antigua and Barbuda, any news items that may be of relevance to the work of the High Commis-



sion, research articles for the newsletter for items that may be of interest to our nationals in the UK, handle general enquiries about Antigua and Barbuda and assist in building a database of nationals in the UK .

Internship programmes are not paid positions. Assistance with the cost of travel for those interns based in

London will be covered by the High Commission. Should you wish to apply please send a covering letter with a CV to His Excellency The High Commissioner expressing your interest and your area of study and provide an idea of what you wish to achieve during your term as an intern at the High Commission.

The address where to write:

Antigua and Barbuda High Commission 2nd Floor 45 Crawford Place London W1H 4LP OR Email: enquiries@antigua-barbuda.com

New Global Presence for Antigua and Barbuda for 2013 says Minister of Tourism



“Ensuring that holiday-makers are able to access Antigua and Barbuda with just one click from any location, at any time”, said Minister of Tourism the Honourable John Maginley, is just one of the driving factors behind the creation of Antigua and Barbuda’s new integrated online and mobile strategy.

The Tourism Minister made the remarks to a large audience of trade and media partners at World Travel Market, one of the leading trade fairs in the global tourism industry being held in London, England, from 5th to 8th November 2012.

Maginley was commenting specifically on Antigua and Barbuda’s new global tourism website, during the website’s soft launch at the Antigua and Barbuda pavilion on day two of World Travel Market.



Darkwood Beach Antigua

“The user-friendly site which goes live in early 2013”, said Maginley, “will allow Antigua and Barbuda to become a world-class player in the

digital arena”. The website will replace all pre-existing destination sites, and will be available in eight languages, catering to Antigua and Barbuda’s traditional markets as well as new and emerging markets. The site will feature both iPhone and IPAD apps, and will allow visitors planning holidays to Antigua, to access and book at their fingertips flights, accommodation, excursions and restaurants.

Antigua and Barbuda’s digital presence also featured at WTM’s Travel and Technology presentations as a global leader for web and technology.

In keeping with his vision, to refresh Antigua and Barbuda’s image, and position the country as an aspirational holiday locale, the Minister of Tourism, also released a new high



Seen Above left to right Sir Vivian Richards, Honorable John Maginley, Oliver Turnbull, Mr Colin James, CEO ABTA

definition destination commercial.

The locally produced commercial showcases the beaches, friendly people, activities and rich culture of Antigua and Barbuda to include, Antigua’s Carnival and Barbuda’s Frigate Bird Sanctuary. Sir Vivian Richards, Antigua and Barbuda’s Cricketing hero, also makes a cameo appearance in the video.

Commenting on day one of World Travel Market, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, indicated that meetings were positive, with a number of tour operators reporting an increase in business to Antigua for the close of 2012, and optimistic forecasts for 2013.

“We just concluded arrangements with British Airways and Virgin Holidays, towards co-op marketing for the winter booking period running from end of 2012 into early 2013” said James. “This will allow us to increase our presence in the UK market, and stimulate bookings during the prime booking period”.

The Minister of Tourism and his delegation have had numerous meetings over the last two days, and the tourism team will continue meetings at World Travel Market until Thursday before attending European meetings later in the week in France and Italy.

The Antigua and Barbuda World Travel Market delegation, led by the Minister of Tourism includes Chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, Ted Isaac, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority Colin James, Director of Tourism for the United Kingdom and Europe, P. Hilary Modeste, Chairperson for Tourism with the Barbuda Tourism Council Dorcas Beazer-Williams and Online Marketing Strategy Project Coordinator Abena Merchant. Sir Vivian Richards, also joins the delegation, as Antigua and Barbuda’s Tourism Ambassador, and a recognized cricketing legend within the UK.

Among the exhibiting partners at WTM are, The Barbuda Council, Blue Waters Hotel, Carlisle Bay, Grand Royal Antigua, Hermitage Bay, Jolly Beach Resort & Spa, Sandals Grande Antigua, Sugar Ridge, The Unique Properties, Oceanic Cottages, Antigua Rainforest Canopy Tours, National Tours & Services, and St James Travel and Tours Antigua Ltd.

Antigua and Barbuda tourist guide publications that launched their 2013 editions at WTM were: The Antiguan, Beautiful Barbuda, and the Treasure Island.

7th November 2012

Notices and Announcements



New Airport Terminal
(due for completion December 2013)

Departure Tax Abolished

New Airport Authority Administration Charge (AAC) Introduced

The new Airport Authority Administration Charge came into effect 1st November 2012. A charge of US\$37.50 will be collected on all tickets for each passenger arriving and departing Antigua and Barbuda. The charge is collected at the time of sale.

The Departure Tax Desk at VC Bird International Airport no longer exists.



**The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority
has relocated
to the
Antigua and Barbuda High Commission
2nd Floor, 45 Crawford Place, London W1H 4LP
(effective 26th November 2012)**

Major Tourism Development Projects in 2013



Government will begin several major tourism projects in 2013. These include the Orange Antigua Limited project, Honeymoon Beach Project, and Admiral's Inn project.

Orange Antigua Limited

The ABIA and the cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda have approved a development at Pearn's Point including a 5-star boutique hotel, freehold -managed condominiums, residential lots, a spa and health club, and a casino.

The developers will open the Pearn's Point Residences in three phases of approximately 21, 22, and 18 lots respectively. Construction on the first phase of the project is scheduled to begin during the first quarter of 2013 and will be undertaken over a 24-month period. This phase will cost US\$17 million and is expected to employ 40 persons.

Phases two and three include the hotel development, apartments, villas, and spa construction, and are scheduled to start in January 2013 and last 18 months. The total estimated cost of the project is US\$253 million.

Two hundred and fifty one units will be built and all residences should be erected within eight years. Five hundred construction jobs will be generated by this project over a 5-year period and total employment once the property is fully operational will amount to 439.

The project is expected to yield US\$90.8 million in ABST revenue over a 20-year period. Total annual contributions to Government for social security, medical benefits, education levy and personal income tax for permanent and temporary employees, administration and operations staff and management are

projected at \$47.4 million over a 10-year period.

Total construction costs to include infrastructure, hotel and condominium, and villa construction are projected at US\$253 million.

Honeymoon Beach Project

Scheduled for the first half of 2013 is a world class wellness resort to be completed on land acquired at Honeymoon Beach for that purpose by Developer Rob Barrett. This facility will consist of 70 suites at a projected cost of US\$25 million. It will employ 150 permanent and temporary workers and will be constructed over a period of 18 months.

Admiral's Inn

This project is being undertaken by Engineer House Ltd., and the operators of Admiral's Inn, located in English Harbour. Engineer House Ltd. will construct 20 new hotel rooms, a wellness centre inclusive of a spa, a fitness centre, restaurant, and associated businesses, at an approximate cost of \$6.8 million.

This project will increase room capacity at the Admiral's Inn and create 21 construction jobs. The investment will help to diversify the tourism product with the inclusion of a wellness centre and spa. This feature is in concert with current market trends for amenities that promote wellness and improve the visitor experience.

18th December 2012



Antigua Sailing Week 2013

Saturday 27th April 2013 to Friday 3rd May 2013