



Commemorates WTISD with Announcement of Essay Winners

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) spearheaded by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is observed today, Monday the 17th of May 2010. To commemorate this occasion the Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations (CANTO) based in Trinidad & Tobago held the 4th annual essay competition dubbed:- **CANTO's 4th Annual World Telecommunication Information and Society Day- Essay Competition** under the ITU theme: **"Better city, better life with ICTs"**. Students from 15 to 17 years were invited to write a 600 word essay expressing the contributions of ICT to their respective city, countries, island and life in general.

The competition was staged throughout the Caribbean region among participating member countries of CANTO. Entries were judged by panel of experts in the field of telecommunications and education on creativity, organization, mechanics and educational/technical merit. The top four (4) essays were selected and will be awarded the following prizes:

- 1st place: Trip for 2 plus hotel accommodation to CANTO's 26th Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition in Curacao from the 11th – 14th July 2010, a Notebook computer plus US\$1,000.00
- 2nd Place: A Notebook computer plus US\$500.00
- 3rd Place: A Smartphone plus US\$250.00
- 4th Place: A Smartphone

The winners were as follows: First Place: Chloé T. Doras of Verchilds High School, St. Kitts; Second Place: Firhanna Bulbulia of the St. Michael School, Barbados; Third Place: Crystal Simon of Queen's College, Guyana; Fourth Place: Jasabi Rawlins of Naparima Girls High School, Trinidad.

The essays were of a very high standard and CANTO believes that the entrants got a firm grasp of the role and impact of ICT on their respective cities and life in general.

CANTO would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the entrants from Antigua, Belize, Barbados, The Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Guyana, St. Kitts, and Trinidad. We would also like to thank all the members for promoting the campaign in their respective countries and last but not least a hearty thank you to the following judges for their time and patience: Amanda Charles (OAS), Ian Smith (LIME Barbados), Wendy Swan (Neotelis), Nikisha Rodrigues (Teacher) and H. William Humphrey (The Prometheus Group LLC).

The Board of Directors and CANTO Secretariat extend a happy World Telecommunication and Information Society Day to its membership and urge all to make a better city, and better life with ICTs.

For further information visit <http://www.canto.org/canto2010/wtisd/index2.htm> or contact Tricia Balthazar at: tbalthazar@canto.org.

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