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## Launches 4th Annual WTISD – Essay Competition

World Telecommunication Information and Society Day (WTISD) spearheaded by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) will be observed on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2010. To commemorate this occasion the Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organization (CANTO) based in Trinidad & Tobago will stage its 4<sup>th</sup> - **Annual World Telecommunications Information Society Day- Essay Competition** under the theme: **“Better City, Better Life with ICTs”** Students from the ages of 15 to 17 are invited to write a 600 word essay expressing the pros and cons and or general awareness of children in cyberspace. The competition will be staged throughout the Caribbean region among active member countries of CANTO. Entries received on or before May 2nd of 2010 will be forwarded to a panel of experts in the field of telecommunications and education to be judged on creativity, organization, mechanics and educational & technical merit. The top three (3) essays (in order of points) will be selected and awarded the following prizes:


### Prizes

*Prizes are nontransferable*

- 1st Place:
  - Trip for 2 to attend CANTO 2010 in Curaçoa
  - Hotel Accommodation – double occupancy
  - One Notebook Computer plus US\$1000.00
- 2nd Place: A Notebook Computer plus US\$500.00
- 3rd Place: One Smartphone plus US\$250.00
- 4th Place: One Smartphone

As an added bonus, winning essays will be posted on [www.canto.org](http://www.canto.org) and published on the CANTO quarterly magazine –*Cancion*.

Students are encouraged to visit [www.canto.org](http://www.canto.org) for a complete list of CANTO member countries and essay rules.

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*The Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations (CANTO) was founded in 1985 as a nonprofit association of telephone operating companies in the Caribbean. CANTO is now recognized as a major trade association in the telecommunication sector with 104 members in 31 countries.*

*A Board of Directors appointed by the membership directs the policy strategy of the Association. This strategy is executed by the staff of a permanent Secretariat based in Trinidad and Tobago. For more information on CANTO visit [www.canto.org](http://www.canto.org)*