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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISIONS – 08 JULY 2013

The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Monday 08 July 2013 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge Clair, G.C.S.K.

1. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Education invites applications from suitably qualified needy Rodriguan candidates for two scholarships for undergraduate studies at the BSP School of Accountancy and Management. The scholarship covers tuition fees of a maximum of Rs 250,000 over a period of three years.

2. The Executive Council has agreed for the grant of financial assistance to 19 individual artists and 4 cultural groups under the Artist Assistance Scheme for financial year 2013.

3. The Executive Council has agreed that a Mock Examination be organized as from 11 to 16 July in all primary schools in Rodrigues for pupils who will be sitting for the Certificate of Primary Education Examination in October this year. The objectives of the Mock Examination are:

   (i) To identify the weaknesses of candidates so as to devise last minute strategies to overcome same; and

   (ii) To familiarize the candidates with the format of the CPE Examination papers.
4. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Water Resources proceeds with the launching of bids for Phase 1 of the upgrading of the Water Network in Port Mathurin. The project consists of the replacement of the old galvanised network by new HDPE pipes so as to minimise water loss.

5. The Executive Council has agreed for the holding of cultural performance in front of the Rodrigues Tourism Office on specific dates until the end of December 2013. The programme of activities is being worked out by the Rodrigues Tourism Office in collaboration with the “Conseil Culturel” and will aim at:-

   (i) Providing entertainment and leisure to our foreign visitors and Rodriguan;
   (ii) Giving a platform to local artists to express their talents; and
   (iii) Creating the appreciation of local artists amongst our foreign visitors and local people.

6. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Community Development proceeds with the construction of the L’Union Community Centre.

7. The Executive Council has taken note that approval has been obtained for the award of three scholarships offered by the Government of Mauritius tenable at the University of Mauritius to Rodriguan candidates.

8. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Education in collaboration with the Early Childhood Care and Education Authority (ECCEA) is organizing two-day training for pre-primary educators and supervisors on 12 and 13 July 2013. The training aims at familiarizing participants with the National Curriculum Framework for Pre-Primary and introducing the Manual of Activities in the Pre-Primary sector.

9. The Executive Council has taken note that Mr. N. RAGODOO, Lecturer at the University of Mauritius, Mrs. J. BHUNJUN, Head Family Welfare Unit of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare and Miss. H. RAMSOHOK, DaO Gender Focal Point, UN Women will be on mission in Rodrigues from 09 to 15 July 2013 in the context of the drafting of strategy to address Gender-Based Violence in Rodrigues. Consultation meetings and a validation workshop will be held with stakeholders of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Civil Society.
10. The Executive Council has taken note of the outcome of the Anti-influenza vaccination campaign for elderly in Rodrigues. 2420 elderly and disabled persons throughout the island have been vaccinated during the campaign.

11. The Executive Council has taken note that the Licensing Unit has issued a total of 271 commercial licences for period February 2012 to June 2013 as compared to 101 in 2011.

12. The Executive Council has taken note of the outcome of the mission of a delegation from the Ministry of Social Security to Rodrigues from 27 to 29 June 2013.

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