PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 4 March 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

(i) to approve new modalities for the conferment of awards under the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Primary School Award Scheme in order to reward both students and schools which have put in considerable effort to improve CPE results. The award ceremony will be held at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir on 17 March 2011 at 1300 hrs. The new categories of award are:

Award 1: -

Best School, that is the school having attained the highest percentage at CPE examination 2010. A cash prize of Rs 25,000 and a shield will be awarded.

Award 2: -

Schools with the highest improvement at CPE; unlike the past years, as from this year the three most performing schools will be rewarded as follows:

1st ranked school: - A cash prize of Rs 15,000 and a shield
2nd ranked school: - A cash prize of Rs 12,000 and a shield
3rd ranked school: - A cash prize of Rs 10,000 and a shield

Award 3:

Most Performing pupils in the CPE Examinations
Based on analysis submitted by each primary school and the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate results, pupils who have scored aggregates 23 and 24 will be rewarded. Each pupil will receive a shield and a cash prize of Rs 10,000.
**DECIDED:**

(ii) to approve that the Chief Commissioner’s Office proceed with the advertisement of the Scholarship for Distance Learning for academic year 2011-2012. The main objective of this scholarship is to provide assistance to Rodriguans willing to acquire the required competence and attributes through distance learning mode at either undergraduate or post graduate level with a view to improving their qualifications and skills so as to serve in Rodrigues long term development strategy. The Distance Learning Scholarship is for a maximum period of 3 years of study and provides for registration, tuition and examination fees up to a maximum of rupees fifty thousand (Rs 50,000) per year.

(iii) to approve the new composition of the Rodrigues Water Company Ltd. The Rodrigues Water Company Ltd is wholly owned by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and has been incorporated on 29 October 2007 as a private company limited by shares and registered under the Companies Act 2001. Its objective is to manage the water resources/facilities in Rodrigues. Presently, it is responsible for the Southern Region.

**TAKEN NOTE:**

(i) that necessary action is being initiated by the Commission for Education following the receipts of complaints from various pre-primary and primary schools with regard to the supply and delivery of bread by the contractor.

(ii) that in the context of the construction of the new Slaughter House Project at Baie Diamant, the consultancy firm has submitted the draft tender document for vetting by the Commission for Agriculture. Same is being forwarded to the Central Procurement Board for approval and launching of tender. It is expected that the tender will be floated by the end of March 2011 and the construction work will start by June 2011. The entire project is expected to be completed by June 2012.

(iii) that the Acting Scientific Officer, Animal Husbandry and the President of “Association des Charcutiers de Rodrigues” has been invited by CIRAD for a 3 day visit to Reunion Island in connection with the Construction of the new Slaughter House at Baie Diamant. During the visit the delegation will visit different charcuterie and the Central Slaughter House of St. Pierre and also to discuss on the products to be made in the charcuterie in Rodrigues.
TAKEN NOTE:

(iv) that the Commission for Water Resources will proceed with the purchase of a Back Hoe Loader. There are many sources of water such as springs, reservoirs and other sites where water can be tapped. However same cannot be utilized unless they are cleared, dug and embellished as well as access roads constructed so that these places become accessible to the inhabitants of the villages concerned.

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