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EUNICE GIBSON PORTRAIT DONATED TO POLYCLINIC

The Eunice Gibson Polyclinic at Warrens, St. Michael, has been presented with a painting of the public health professional whose name adorns the building, compliments of local artist Don Small.

The colourful painting of Eunice Gibson, created on concrete board using colours which will stand up to the weather, is mounted at the entrance of the polyclinic.

This is the second donation to the polyclinic by Mr. Small, who in 1997 also presented a portrait of a father and child which is still on display today.

Mr. Small explained that his association with the public health facility started in the 1990s, when, during a visit to the then Warrens Polyclinic, he met now retired nurse Yvonne Archer, who inspired him to make his first contribution.

It was a return visit to the polyclinic in 2017 that prompted his decision to create the latest painting after coming across a stamp with the image of Eunice Gibson and learning of her contribution to nursing in Barbados.

The unveiling of the portrait took place during the annual Week of Wellness hosted by staff and management of the polyclinic. **(JS/BGIS)**

NO: 02/19

CONSTITUENCY REGISTRATION CENTRES RE-OPENING NEXT WEEK

The Electoral Department is reminding the public that registration services at the six Constituency Registration Centres will resume on Wednesdays, with effect from January 9.

The centres will open from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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They are located at Alexandra School, Queen's Street, St. Peter; Christ Church Girls' School, Water Street, Christ Church; Princess Margaret Secondary School, Six Roads, St. Philip; The Valley Resource Centre, The Valley, St. George; The St. Michael School, Martindales Road, St. Michael; and the Electoral Department, Warrens Tower II, Warrens, St. Michael.

For additional information on registration services, members of the public should call 535-4800. **(SA/BGIS)**

NO: 03/19

SCHOOLS REOPEN NEXT WEEK

Classes will resume for students at all public primary and secondary schools on Tuesday, January 8. Teachers will start one day earlier on Monday, January 7.

The Hilary Term (Term II) will last for 12 weeks, before ending on Thursday, March 28, and Friday, March 29, for students and teachers, respectively, for the Easter break. **(MR/BGIS)**

NO: 04/19

LAST COMMON ENTRANCE TOWN HALL MEETING NEXT WEEK

The final town hall meeting on the 2019 Barbados Secondary Schools' Entrance Examination (BSSEE) will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at The St. Michael School, Martindales Road, St. Michael. It will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Parents and guardians who have not been present at any of the previous meetings are invited to attend.

The meetings are aimed at sensitizing parents and guardians on the various steps involved in the administration of the BSSEE, which is popularly known as the 11-Plus or Common Entrance Exam.

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Representatives from the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training will instruct persons on how to fill out the several forms used in the BSSEE, including those for choice of school, deferral and special requests. **(MR/BGIS)**

NO: 05/19

COTA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS TO DISCUSS TAX PRIORITIES FOR REGION

The Caribbean Organisation of Tax Administrators (COTA) is moving forward with plans for the 25th General Assembly and Technical Conference.

Following the two-day meeting of the COTA Executive Council, hosted by the Barbados Revenue Authority, the eight-member group outlined a provisional programme for the conference scheduled for July 2019 in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Tax Administration Jamaica's representative on the executive council, Meris Haughton, chaired the session. She highlighted COTA's role and importance to the region.

She explained: "As an integrating institution operating under the CARICOM Secretariat, COTA seeks to advance the interest of tax administrations in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) through information exchange and joint training initiatives among tax administrators in the region.

"One of the major activities in the COTA work plan is the biennial General Assembly and Technical Conference. The aim of this event is to provide COTA members with a forum to meet, discuss and deliberate on a number of tax issues, exchange ideas and share experiences on challenges faced by tax administrations in the region."

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Among the other issues discussed at the Executive Council meeting were collaboration with the Caribbean Technical Assistance Centre, signing on to the Network of Tax Organisations Memorandum of Understanding, the reform of corporation tax in CARICOM member states, next steps for CARICOM States in relation to the OECD Tax Governance Initiative and the modernization of excise management practices. **(BRA/BGIS)**