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Media Release

NGC Sanfest 2016 is Underway

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) is proud once again, to be partnering as the title sponsor with the San Fernando Arts Council for NGC Sanfest 2016. Now in its 46th year of existence, this year's festival was launched on 18th September at the Creative Arts Centre in San Fernando. Ms. Cornelia Noel, NGC's Vice President, Commercial, said, "We at NGC recognize that the Arts are critical to national development and, as a result, the company has long played a supporting role in its promotion as a key pathway of youth development".

The festival provides a platform for the youth to exhibit their brilliant talents in the arts in areas such as music, dance, writing, choral speaking and visual arts, to name a few. It was recalled that Sanfest has been the stage where the early performances of some of today's major local artistes honed their skills. The Launch event also provided the opportunity for recent past participants to showcase their talent with performances in the genres of dance, the spoken word, singing, and calypso.

The San Fernando Arts Council has dedicated this year's NGC Sanfest to Mr. James Lee Wah, who was the founder and first chairman of the Arts Council. He was therefore instrumental in the establishment of the National Junior Arts Festival and the Creative Arts Centre. At this year's launch, Mr Lee Wah was recognized for his vision, initiative and foresight in conceptualizing the formation of the festival, as well as his devoted and loyal service to the national community in the fields of education, arts, culture and community-oriented service.

NGC Sanfest 2016, themed 'A Divine Alternative to...', runs from September 26th to November 23rd. The festival targets students from primary and secondary schools up to the age of 19 competing in various categories in the Visual, Literary and Performing Arts. The preliminary round is ongoing within the various school districts across Trinidad and Tobago. The finals are scheduled for October 24th to November 8th, and will take place at the Creative Arts Centre in San-Fernando.

The Mr.& Miss NGC Sanfest Teen Talent Competition is an integral of the Festival. This part of the competition is open to male and female students between the ages of 13 and 19 who are registered students of secondary schools within Trinidad and Tobago. It showcases performances in dance, drama or music. The semi-finals will take place on Sunday 16th October at the Creative Arts Centre from 3:00pm, with finals taking place on November 19th 2016. Command performances will take place on the 22nd and 23rd November 2016 at the San Frenando Academy for Performing Arts (SAPA).

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