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**NGC/NALIS Launch Hasely Crawford Exhibit Roadshow**

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The commemorative exhibit "Invicta – The Crawford Legacy", which celebrates the life and achievements of Trinidad and Tobago's first Olympic Gold Medallist, will embark upon a national roadshow, starting at NALIS' Library, Port of Spain. The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) and the National Library Information System Authority (NALIS) have partnered to introduce a very special exhibition into our national library circuit. It is part of a bigger NGC National Heroes project in which we seek to recognize and preserve the legacies of achievers and national contributors for future generations.

The exhibit, which combines press reportage, articles, Olympic memorabilia and other awards, was assembled with the support of The University of the West Indies (UWI) St. Augustine, and was launched on July 21<sup>st</sup> at The UWI's Alma Jordan Library. Now, NALIS is set to take the display through its library circuit as a roving exhibition across the country over the next few months, so that the wider public can have a chance to experience the story of this Olympic hero. On the itinerary are the Rio Claro, Princes Town, Point Fortin, Couva and Arima Public Libraries.

At the NALIS launch yesterday, excerpts from compositions - literature and song - that charmingly capture the story of Hasely Crawford and his golden achievement were read and even sang to a special audience made up of students of Richmond Street Boys Anglican School. The readers included Mrs. Sharon Rowley, wife of the Prime Minister, Dr. The Honourable Keith Rowley. Mrs. Rowley read *Our First Olympic Champion* chapter of *First in Trinidad* by Michael Anthony. Mrs. Janelle Penny Commissiong-Chow, Miss Universe Trinidad and Tobago 1977 sang *Crawford is the Man* calypso by Lord Kitchener to the delight of the audience. The Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George, Speaker of the House of Representatives read *Crawford, the Golden Hero* chapter from *Olympian* by Dr. Basil Ince and Marina Salandy-Brown, Festival Founder of NGC Bocas Lit Fest, delivered *Measure for Measure* from *The Best of Keith Smith – Making an Art of Newspaper Journalism*.

After being treated heartfelt renditions by these distinguished and accomplished women, the young audience leapt at the opportunity to meet and be pictured with them as well as Mr. Crawford. They were also the first to view the installation at NALIS which is now open to the public. The exhibit will be at the following NALIS Libraries over the course of the next few months:

- Port of Spain Library: 7<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017
- Rio Claro Public Library: 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017
- Princes Town Public Library: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

- Point Fortin Public Library: 18th December, 2017 – 5th January, 2018
- Couva Public Library: 8th – 19th January, 2018
- Arima Public Library: 24th January – 2nd February, 2018

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