

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited



Media Release Curating our Culture, Building a Legacy NGC supports their three sponsored steel bands

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The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) recently hosted panyard limes for three NGC-sponsored steelbands and their communities – NGC Couva Joylanders Steel Orchestra, NGC La Brea Nightingales Steel Orchestra and NGC Steel Xplosion out of Tobago, ahead of Panorama 2019.

This was done in an effort to drum up support for the bands for upcoming Panorama participation while providing an opportunity for employee engagement. Invitees to the panyard limes included band members, NGC employees and members of the community.

NGC's focus on the national instrument is one of over two decades' standing. Beyond provision of capital, efforts are made to support sustainability of the bands in order to secure their future. The bands are provided with capacity-building training for the management teams in order to increase operational efficiency, music literacy funding to train band members to read sheet music, and support to participate in steelband competitions, Panorama and beyond, in order to grow their profile.

NGC Couva Joylanders Steel Orchestra and NGC Steel Xplosion both medium bands have moved on to the final stage of competition for Panorama 2019 on March 02nd. This would be Joylanders' 7th trip to the finals under NGC sponsorship since 2012. Similarly NGC Steel Xplosion has participated consistently in both the THA Pan Champs and the Trinidad Panorama competitions and has made it to the Panorama finals seven times under NGC's sponsorship.

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NGC President, Mark Loquan, showing support for NGC-sponsored Steel Xplosion with the band's arranger Akiba Joseph at Panorama Semi Finals at the Queen's Park Savannah.



NGC Couva Joylanders Steel Orchestra continues with their practice during their panyard lime at the NGC Couva Joylanders House of Steel



A cross section of band members from NGC La Bea Nightingales Steel Orchestra



NGC employees enjoying a quick bite at the NGC Couva Joylanders Steel Orchestra Panyard Lime



NGC employees and residents share a light moment at the NGC la Brea Nightingales Panyard Lime

