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MEEI & National Energy Hand Over EV Charging Stations, LED Lights at Queen's Hall

Part of Expanding Network for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

National Energy, in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, has officially handed over three electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, along with 11 LED and 29 solar-powered LED perimeter lights to Queen's Hall, Port of Spain. This initiative aims to provide cleaner, energy-efficient infrastructure for the public while achieving energy savings at one of the nation's premier cultural venues.

Speaking at the ceremony, The Honourable Stuart R. Young S.C., M.P Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, highlighted the importance of the project: "This is a yet another step in reducing our carbon footprint and promoting energy efficiency in public spaces. As I have stated previously, Trinidad and Tobago's energy transition involves a balance, with natural gas remaining essential, while we incorporate renewable solutions to meet our international climate change obligations, simultaneously building a sustainable future for all citizens. These solar LED lights will provide Queen's Hall with energy savings of up to 75% compared to the previously installed systems and is a prime example of an Environmental, Social and Governance Initiative."

The Energy Minister highlighted the government's vision in the areas of clean transportation and EV integration through the championing of initiatives such as V.A.T. exemptions for electric vehicles. Minister Young also challenged Queen's Hall to go further by aiming to become a green building space with the further addition of solar integration into its operations. The Honourable Minister emphasized that these small changes which lead to enhanced sustainability and energy efficiency have knock on effects on the energy sector. The Energy Minister also highlighted that the Queens Hall Project represents proper utilization of natural gas within the power generation sector, which is aligned with the government's goal of accruing higher returns on natural gas molecules and thereby ensuring maximum benefits for the resource owners, the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

Garfield George, General Manager of Queen's Hall, expressed his gratitude: "This partnership has positioned Queen's Hall as an active participant in environmental commitment. We are proud to demonstrate how cultural institutions can embrace environmental responsibility."

The installations at Queen's Hall complement other projects led by National Energy, such as the EV charging stations at Preysal and the collaboration on solar-powered EV chargers at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine. Together, these initiatives underscore National Energy's commitment to advancing a low-carbon future for Trinidad and Tobago.

Minister Young prepares to plug the EV charger into the vehicle outlet at Queen's Hall, while National Energy representatives Dr. Vernon Paltoo, Dr. Joseph Khan, and Arden Rodriguez observe

Minister Young demonstrates the use of the EV charger installed at Queen's Hall. Observing the demonstration are National Energy representatives, Dr. Vernon Paltoo, Dr. Joseph Khan, and Arden Rodriguez

Minister Young arrives at Queen's Hall for the official handover ceremony of LED lights and EV charging stations. He is greeted by National Energy's Chairman, Dr. Joseph Khan, and company President, Dr. Vernon Paltoo

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