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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



A QUARTER OF MOMENTUM

This quarter reflects a deliberate and strategic shift in how the Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI) positions itself within both the local and international landscape. From strengthened partnerships and increased visibility to deeper student engagement and hands-on training, THTI continues to demonstrate its role as a driver of hospitality and tourism development in Tobago.

Across every initiative, the focus remains clear: delivering industry-relevant training, expanding opportunities for students, and reinforcing the Institute's commitment to excellence. As we continue to build momentum, THTI is not only preparing students for careers, but actively shaping the future of the industry itself.

BUILDING THE THTI EXPERIENCE

The January 2026 intake was welcomed through a structured two-day Orientation Programme designed to introduce students to the academic and operational framework of the Institute.

Presentations from key departments, alongside health screenings and partner engagement, ensured students were equipped with the information and resources needed to begin their journey.



TRAINING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Real-world experience remains at the core of the THTI model. This quarter, the Institute brought its training to life through a series of dynamic, hands-on engagements that showcased both skill and professionalism.

At the EPIC Carnival Cool Down, THTI delivered authentic Tobago hospitality to visiting cruise passengers, offering signature products and demonstrating service excellence at scale.

At the Bishop’s High School Career Fair, a live pasta station demonstration captivated students, providing a practical introduction to culinary techniques and creativity.



The Institute also supported the CLICKWISE Digital Media Sensitization Campaign, using live demonstrations to engage young audiences while promoting its programmes and training opportunities.

FROM CLASSROOM TO GLOBAL STAGE

THTI continues to expand its global reach through strategic engagement and purposeful collaboration.

In February, the Institute welcomed representatives from Taishan University to campus, advancing discussions on structured academic cooperation in hospitality and culinary education.

Central to these discussions was the proposed “Shared Future Friendship Kitchen” initiative, designed to facilitate hands-on training, culinary exchange, and institutional development.



This engagement reflects a broader vision to move beyond dialogue and into meaningful implementation.

By strengthening international partnerships, THTI is positioning Tobago as an emerging hub for hospitality and tourism education, grounded in practical training and aligned with global standards.





EXPANDING OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

THTI's international engagement continues to evolve with intention. The Institute's participation in initiatives such as the St. Thomas University Fashion, Food and Wine Showcase signals a commitment to building pathways for academic exchange, professional development, and institutional growth.

Through these partnerships, THTI is not only expanding opportunities for students and staff, but also reinforcing its presence within the global hospitality and tourism education space.



CELEBRATING OUR PEOPLE

At its core, THTI remains a people-driven institution. In recognition of International Women's Day, the Institute celebrated the contributions of women across the organization through a staff engagement initiative and the launch of the "When Women Lead" social media series. The series highlights the voices and experiences of women in leadership, reinforcing the value of inclusion and representation.

Complementing this was the "From Me to Me" Postcard Competition, an initiative led by the IRC Department, encouraging reflection, creativity, and self-expression among participants.

STRENGTHENING THE INSTITUTION

THTI continues to prioritize safety, preparedness, and professional development across its operations. In March, Heads of Departments and key personnel participated in a Basic First Aid and CPR Training session facilitated by the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service.

This initiative forms part of the Institute's broader commitment to ensuring a safe, responsive, and well-equipped environment for both staff and students.



CONNECTING WITH THE NEXT GENERATION

Engagement with secondary schools remains a key component of THTI's outreach strategy.

Through participation in career fairs and interactive demonstrations, the Institute continues to inspire students to consider pathways in hospitality and tourism.

By showcasing real-world applications of training and providing direct engagement with prospective students, THTI is actively building the next generation of industry professionals.



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