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**Press Release
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HOME SAFETY WORKSHOP CONNECTS YOU TO LIFE

“Water and Electricity do not mix!” This was the feeling expressed by an enthusiastic primary school student at a **Home Safety Initiative (HSI)** theatre workshop hosted by the Regulated Industries Commission (RIC) at the Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre in Couva this morning. The initiative, appropriately themed **“Connecting You to Life”** is the socially responsible initiative being championed by the RIC and is designed to create greater awareness of and sensitivity to home safety issues as it relates to the home, workplace and the school environment.

Being a socially responsible corporate citizen, the RIC settled on this particular project since it addresses an issue that is important to all households in the country. Additionally, Home Safety is a concern that is under-represented in terms of socially responsible activities of other organizations and this HSI is one that facilitates collaboration with the Service Providers without involving any conflict of interest in terms of the RIC’s independent regulatory functions.

The HSI initiative commences with theatre workshops involving primary school students across Trinidad and Tobago, with the list of schools, dates and venues, being available on the website. The important message of Home Safety will be promoted by encouraging Safety Audits in the home, by the distribution of HSI posters to workplaces where the helpful tips can be visible to all.

The “Connecting You to Life” message will also be publicized in the form of articles, public service announcements on the radio and a Poster Competition that will be staged for Secondary Schools Students. As the initiative evolves, it is the RIC’s intention to educate the adult population on the importance of Home Safety since electrical hazards are a major cause of fires, with aged wiring, overloaded circuits and worn outlets being among the electrical hazards that can start fires and cause electrical shock.

Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment, Honorable Penelope Beckles was in high praise of the commission's efforts and commended the RIC "for this Home Safety Initiative... since a responsibility of the Commission is to educate the public on safety issues in respect of the utilities for which it has regulatory responsibility." The opportunity to improve the quality of life of consumers, families and local communities is a core value of the RIC and we are committed to this on a long-term basis.

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Students enjoy the theatre workshop



The team of actors of Arts-in-Action as they go through their routine at the HSI Theatre Workshop

