



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 1 April 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED :

- (i) to approve that the Chief Commissioner's office proceed with the grant of Off-lagoon Registration Cards to eligible applicants who have completed the required training, have been a bank fisherman for an aggregate period of five years or have followed training for skippers of fishing vessel for a period of 12 years and over.

- (ii) to approve that the Commission for Public Infrastructure proceed with the issue Works Order under the new contract with Colas (Maurice) Ltée for the following list of minor works in villages: -
 - (a) Construction of Basket ball pitch and Fencing works at Tamarin Community Centre;
 - (b) Levelling and Fencing works at Ile Michel Football Ground;
 - (c) Construction of Children Garden and Kiosk at Marechal;
 - (d) Construction of Basket Ball Pitch at Papayes;
 - (e) Construction of Basket Ball Pitch at Quatre Vents;
 - (f) Construction of Green Space at Mangues;
 - (g) Construction of Children Garden and Kiosk at Parc Tortue;
 - (h) Bus layby at Songes near existing bus shelter;

 - (i) Construction of Kiosk and masonry steps at Montagne Cherie view point;

 - (j) Upgrading works at Pas Gerome - St. Gabriel;
 - (k) Upgrading of Public Beach at Port Sud Est;
 - (l) Levelling of football ground at Montagne du Sable; and
 - (m) Upgrading of Citron Donis Football ground

DECIDED :

- (iii) to approve the appointment of three additional Directors for Rod Clean Co. Ltd to ensure efficient scavenging services around Rodrigues.
- (iv) to approve that the Commission for Community Development proceed with the construction of four community centres at Mt Tonnerre, Cite Patate, Parc Tortue and Baie Malgache. As to date there are some 72 Community village centres and Social Centres in Rodrigues which are being used as a gathering place for the communities and at times as :
 - (a) health centres for the Commission for Health;
 - (b) Pay centre for the Commission for Social Security; and
 - (c) refugee centres in case of natural calamities.
- (v) to approve in principle that the Commission for State Lands proceed with the issue for a letter of reservation to International Turtle Resorts Ltd for the construction of a three star villa hotel in Rodrigues. The project implies the construction of fifteen (15) villas and will create direct employment for some forty-five (45) people and some ten (10) others will benefit from indirect employment. The promoters have also earmarked a sum out of the profits for social projects which they will finance every year.
- (vi) to approve in principle that the Commission for State Lands issue a letter of Reservation to Rod Asset Management Ltd for the construction of a Luxury Resorts Hotel Development at Baie des Lascars (Mt Criée). The project consists of the construction of some 45 luxury villas which will create both direct and indirect employment.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (i) that the Chief Commissioner's Office is implementing the project "Les Amis de Zippy" in all Standard 2 of all the 14 Primary Schools of Rodrigues. The aim of the project is to prepare the pupils who will be adult of tomorrow to become a responsible citizen as well as a leader. These Standard 2 pupils will learn how to promote their social and emotional well being by developing their coping skills against any problem they may meet in their daily life.
- (ii) that Miss Marie Françoise CUPIDON of Rodrigues College and Mr. Abdool Raffick ODERUTH of Marechal College had been selected to participate in the oratory skill competition which was held on Thursday 31 March 2011 at the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture Trust.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (iii) that Hon. N. BODHA, Minister of Tourism and Leisure will lead a delegation on mission to Rodrigues from Saturday 2 April 2011 to Monday 4 April 2011. During their mission they will have working sessions with the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Local Tourism Operators and handing over of certificates to Skippers.
- (iv) that a delegation from the Beach Authority headed by its Chairman Mr. D. Nath CHOOHUN will be on mission to Rodrigues from 7-9 April 2011. During the visit, the delegation will hand over a cheque of Rs 1.1 million to the Commission for Environment in connection with the Upliftment of Anse Aux Anglais (2nd phase) project and to take stock of other projects implemented on public beaches in Rodrigues.
- (v) that the Commission for Fisheries has made arrangements for the organisation of "*Les Assises de la Pêche*" in Rodrigues on Tuesday 5 April 2011 from 13.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs to be followed by a cocktail at the Cultural Leisure Centre of Mont Plaisir. "*Les Assises de la Pêche*" is being organised in the context of the formulation of a Fisheries Master Plan for Mauritius including Rodrigues.

The "*Assises*" will include the following six panels, namely:

- (a) Fishermen in the Process; (b) Policy Orientation; (c) Tourism;
 - (d) Coastal, FAD and Bank Fisheries; (e) Marine Conservation, Protection and Enforcement; and (f) Seafood Hub and Fishing Port.
- (vi) that Mr. Jean Daniel ANDRE, Senior Youth Officer and Liaison Officer for "Entrepreneuriat Jeunesse" at the Commission for Youth and Sports has been selected to participate in the "Commonwealth Consultative Meeting – Youth Entrepreneurship" organized by the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) Africa Administration from 11 to 15 April 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Commonwealth Youth Programme Africa Region Consultative Meeting having with theme "Investing in Youth" aims to enhance national capacities in addressing youth unemployment and to identify good practices in Africa region in implementing effective youth entrepreneurship programmes.

TAKEN NOTE:

(vii) that the Commission for Youth and Sports is organizing a "colonie de vacances" for 60 young people aged 14 to 15 years coming from underprivileged/poor families from Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 April 2011. The activities will comprise some recreational games and an outing at the Francois Leguat Tortoise Nature Park, Marechal Swimming Pool, Plaine Corail Airport and Ile Michel Public Beach and will culminate into a camping at St Francois beach. The objectives of the activity are to:-

- (a) provide healthy and enjoyable recreative and leisure activities to the youth;
- (b) strengthen the bond of friendship among these youth and allow them to spend a pleasant moment different from their daily routine;
- (c) give them the opportunity to experience camping/outdoor activities and to discover more about Rodrigues;and
- (d) to provide them with lifeskills training to strengthen their inner values and self-esteem.

(viii) that the Commission for Youth and Sports is organizing the 1st Edition of the Rodrigues Street Dance Competition from 5 to 17 April 2011. The aims of the activities are:-

- (a) to provide an opportunity to the Youth and Sport communities to spend an enjoyable vacation in a healthy atmosphere; and
- (b) to provide a platform for all youth to demonstrate their talents and abilities in musical and cultural activities.

All youth cadres and animators have been enlisted to motivate the youth to participate in the street dance competition which will be held as follows: -

DATE	REGIONS	VENUE
5 April 2011	4 and 5	Oyster Bay Community Youth Centre
6 April 2011	1 and 2	Terre Borne La Ferme
7 April 2011	3 and 6	Malabar Parking
17 April 2011	FINAL	Papayes Community Centre

TAKEN NOTE:

- (ix) that the Commission for Agriculture has awarded a tender for the planting of seedlings for the sites of Catchment area Anse Raffin and Mt. Croupiers and Grenades.
- (x) of the mission report of Mr. Louis Ange PERRINE, Commissioner for stateland in Mauritius from 24-27 March 2011. He had working session with Hon Dr. A.T. KASENALLY, Minister of Housing and Lands during which it was agreed that 1 Senior Planner and 3 Surveyors will be posted to Rodrigues to:
 - a. assist to clear back log of some 7000 applications;
 - b. regularise the cases of 4,800 squatters; and
 - c. process the application of the 400 hardship cases referred by the Trust Fund for Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups.
- (xi) of activities that will be organised by the Commission for Health on the occasion of the World Health Day 2011 which is celebrated each year on the 7th of April:

7 April A "Parcours de Santé" targeting some 400 participants. The walk will start as from 09.00 hours at the Sir Gaetan Duval Airport and will end at the François Leguat Giant Tortoise and Cave Reserve followed by an Official Ceremony.

NCD Screening and Rapid HIV/AIDS Testing among other Health Services as well as Health advices/counseling will be provided to the public during the day.

Eight (8) blood glucose monitoring system which have been offered by the Lions Club of Noirmoutier will be handed over to children suffering from diabetes.

An interward competition will also be launched to encourage cleanliness and conducive environment for provision of health services at the wards. A shield as well as cash prize of Rs 3,000 each will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners.

11 to 12 April Psychological support sessions by a psychologist from PILS namely Mr. V. RAMAJOLOO to persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

TAKEN NOTE:

- 13 April One-day workshop on psychological support and assistance for all stakeholders involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS at la Détente.
- 14 - 15 April Emotional Management Course for a two batches of Public Officers who followed the Stress Management Course by Brahma Kumaris Medical Wing at the Human Resource Centre.
- 18 April Stress Management Course for a new batch of Public Officers by Brahma Kumaris Medical Wing at the Human Resource Centre.
- 21 April Soft Launching of the Diabetic Retinal Screening Service at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

- (xii) that Hon. M. YEUNG SIK YEUN, Minister of Business, Enterprise, Cooperatives and Consumer Protection will lead a delegation from 2-4 April 2011. The Hon. Minister will have working session with Commissioner of Co-operatives, Mr. Daniel SPEVILLE amongst other activities.

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