



## **RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Executive Council**

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#### **PRESS RELEASE**

**The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 22 July 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:**

#### **DECIDED :**

- (i) That the Chief Commissioner's office and Commission for Fisheries proceeds with the grant of off-lagoon fisherman registration cards to 37 eligible fishers. It is to be noted that some 270 in lagoon fishers have applied for off lagoon fisherman cards. They will follow the prescribed training to be eligible for off-lagoon cards.
- (ii) That the Rodrigues Regional Assembly provides support to the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) for the operation of a handicraft shop in Port Mathurin by making provision for a handicraft shops in the New Port Mathurin Market. The opening of this shop will enable SMEDA to meet its objectives as it is expected that the new market will be regularly visited by tourists and the public.
- (iii) That the Commission for Public Infrastructure issues a Works Order to COLAS (Maurice) Ltée for the upgrading of Nassola Road (Phase I). The road is about 850 m long starting from Mont Limon to the junction near Mr. Colin house. The setting out of the road alignment has already been effected.

**DECIDED :**

- (iv) That the Commission for Housing proceeds with the setting up of a new Housing Scheme "The Needy Family Housing Scheme" under which materials will be provided for building of their house or repair of existing corrugated iron sheets. The criterion for eligibility shall be as follows:
- (i) the family income shall be less than Rs 5,000 monthly;
  - (ii) separated family;
  - (iii) unmarried parent;
  - (iv) social aid beneficiaries; or
  - (v) any other hardship cases recommended by the Commission.

**TAKEN NOTE :**

- (i) That five educators of government primary schools are presently following courses at the Mauritius Institute of Education in Mauritius from 18 July to November 2011 in the context of the introduction of Kreol Morisien (KM) in schools as from next year.
- (ii) That the Commission of Arts and Culture has granted financial assistance under the Artist Assistance Scheme to 10 individual artists and three artistic groups and one cultural group for this financial year 2011 as follows: -

<b><u>(a) CD Production</u></b>			
1.	Alain GENTIL	Citronelle	15, 000
2.	Mevil MOMUS	Petit Gabriel	15, 000
3.	Janiel PERRINE	Vanguard	15, 000
4.	Gonzague PIERRE LOUIS	Vainqueur	15, 000
5.	Laval LEGENTIL	Grand La Fouche	15, 000
6.	Florencia AUGUSTIN	Baie du Nord	15, 000
7.	Joseph Margeot COLLET	Anse Goeland	15, 000
8.	Anne Marie LEOPOLD	L'Union	15, 000

<b><u>(b) Arts Exhibition</u></b>			
1.	Oyster Bay Arts Group Represented by Anais ROUSSETY	Oyster Bay	14, 625
2.	Jean Yoni EMILIE	Riviere Cocos	9, 825
<b><u>(c) Sculpture Exhibition</u></b>			
1.	Jean Claude Philidor	Brule	15, 000
<b><u>(d) DVD Production</u></b>			
1.	Le Solitaire Represented by Francis Prosper	Mangues	15, 000

(iii) That the Commission for Arts and Culture is organising the "Festival l'Ar Dramatic" in creole language to be held at the Cultural and Leisure centre as per schedule below:

- Stage rehearsals - 23 to 25 August 2011
- Preliminaries - 26 to 28 August 2011
- Final - 3 September 2011

The three best plays will be presented in some remote village in Rodrigues in December 2011. It is to be noted that thirteen (13) entries have been received from different drama groups around the island and that the prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Best Play, Second Best Play
- Best Actor, Second Best Actor
- Best Actress, Second Best Actress
- Best Director, Second Best Director
- Best Local Writer
- Special prize for actor and actress under 15 years
- Best Beginner Group
- Best Promising Actor and Actress
- Two Special Jury Awards.
- Best Set Designer

## **TAKEN NOTE :**

- (iv) That the Commission for Arts and Culture is submitting a nomination form to the National Heritage Fund (NHF) in Mauritius for the inscription of the "Sega Tambour of Rodrigues" in the World Heritage list. The inclusion of our cultural ethos will promote the development and revitalisation of literacy research, study and practice of arts and cultural heritage classes and artistic workshops. It will also contribute to further promoting this fundamental aspect of the local culture and consequently encourage the authorities, associations, individuals, researches and the cultural industry to develop sustainable activities.
- (v) That in the context of the forthcoming Indian Ocean Games to be held from 4-16 August 2011 in Seychelles, the Commission for Youth and Sports will award the following cash prizes as an incentive to Rodriguan medallists of the competition: -
  - (a) Gold Medallists – Rs 15,000
  - (b) Silver Medallists – Rs 10,000
  - (c) Bronze Medallists – Rs 7,000
- (vi) The outstanding performance of Miss Anne BEGUE who has been qualified for the final of the World Boxe Francaise Championship to be held in December 2011 in Mauritius. Miss BEGUE is the first female athlete to reach such an advance stage of a World Championship. She recently participated in the Boxe Francaise Savatte in Italy from 8-12 June 2011.
- (vii) That a delegation from the Information and Communication Technology Authority (ICTA) led by its Chairman, Mr. Trilock DWARKA will be on mission to Rodrigues as from 27-30 July 2011. The objectives of the mission are to: -
  - (a) have a first meeting with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the holding of a public forum to discuss future development of the ICT sector in Rodrigues;
  - (b) assess allocation of RF frequencies and planning of transmission sites;
  - (c) test current performance of internet access;
  - (d) conduct awareness sessions on RF safety;
  - (e) promote the Authority's objectives; and
  - (f) start process for establishing an office in Rodrigues

**TAKEN NOTE :**

The public forum will have as topic "Assessing the ICT needs of Rodrigues" whereby some 1000 participants comprising NGO's, commercial operators, and stakeholders of ICT as well as potential investors in the ICT sector.

- (viii) That the Principal Health Inspector participated in a one-week training course on Environmental Noise Measurement in Mauritius conducted by the Leeds Metropolitan University, UK in collaboration with the Rushmore Business School and leads to a Certificate of Proficiency in Environmental Noise Management. The aim of the training course is to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to make and report reliable measurements of sound pressure level at workplace and in the environment. It is expected that the training will enable participants to set and enforce suitable environmental noise standards.
- (ix) That a delegation led by the Departmental Head Commission of Consumer Protection on mission in Mauritius in the context of fixing of New Price of Cement and the functioning of the observatoire des Prix from 21 to 22 July 2011.

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