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MEDIA RELEASE

"Last New Ship for Cruise Season 2015-2016, Carnival Elation, Makes Maiden Voyage to Tobago"

Scarborough, April 18, 2016: Deputy Chief Secretary and Secretary for Tourism and Transportation, Tracy Davidson-Celestine paid a courtesy call on board the Carnival Elation that made its maiden voyage to Tobago on Sunday April 17, 2016.

Secretary Davidson-Celestine was joined by Commissioner of the Port Authority Board, Melissa Alexis-James, and others members of the Port Authority.

Carnival Elation is the last of 11 new ships to visit the island during the 2015 - 2016 Cruise ship season. The ship is on a 10-day cruise that began in New Orleans and has a carrying capacity of approximately 4,200 passengers.

In welcoming the crew and passengers to Tobago, Secretary Davidson-Celestine said, "We have a lot for you to see and experience on this 116 square miles of pristine beauty. We hope that you do enjoy and visit again."

She presented Captain Salvatore Messina with a commemorative painting depicting the traditional Bele dance.

Secretary Davidson-Celestine also acknowledged the fruitful relationship shared among the Tobago House of Assembly, Travel agents Carvalho's Travel and other agents and the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago in ensuring the growth of the Tobago cruise ship sector.

By the end of the 2015 -2016 cruise season, which ends in the first week of May, a total of 90,000 guests are expected to visit the island. The last ship is scheduled to call in Tobago for the season is the M/V Hanseatic on May 3, 2016.

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