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Launch of the Intellectual Property Library of Trinidad and Tobago

The Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago announces the launch the Intellectual Property Library of Trinidad and Tobago and the Technical Library/Innovation Hub on 1st December, 2017.

The opening of the Intellectual Property Library is in fulfilment of one the strategic goals of the Intellectual Property Office, recognizing the need for a specialized library which targets that niche clientele with an interest in intellectual property and innovation, and for whom availability of resources may be limited. Through the Library, the Intellectual Property Office can provide both the public and the staff of the organisation with the resources necessary for education in intellectual property and innovation, information on intellectual property and the laws of Trinidad and Tobago, provide patent information services and promote inventiveness among the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago .

It will also provide resource materials and support to the proposed Intellectual Property Academy of Trinidad and Tobago when established.

The Technical Library/Innovation Hub is a subset of the Intellectual Property Library. This Library will provide innovators with access to high quality technology information from various sources and related services, helping them to exploit their innovative potential and to create, protect, and manage their intellectual property rights. Services offered would include access to online patent and non-patent (scientific and technical) resources and IP-related publications; assistance in searching and retrieving technology information; training in database search; on-demand searches (novelty, state-of-the-art and infringement); monitoring technology and competitors; basic

information on industrial property laws, management and strategy, and technology commercialization and marketing.

The Intellectual Property Library project was initiated by the Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago and is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs and the Special Libraries Division of the National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS). A Memorandum of Understanding, documenting the operational details of the relationship between the Ministry and NALIS will soon be signed by both parties.

As part of the collaborative effort, the Swiss based World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has granted the Intellectual Property Office depository library status. As such, WIPO will provide the Intellectual Property Library with annual publications, including books, magazines and reports on various topics, which will be displayed and made available to the public. The library will serve as a reference source for members of the general public wishing to consult WIPO publications.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.ipo.gov.tt/>

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