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Trinidad Laureates visit the President



(left) Mrs Maria Superville Neilson (PD), Dr Adesh Ramsubbag (Science & Technology), Her Excellency Justice Paula Mae Weekes, President of Trinidad & Tobago, Chevaughn and Noel Joseph (Public & Civic Contributions) Prof Compton Bourne, (EPP).

Her Excellency, President Paula Mae Weekes of Trinidad & Tobago, hosted our laureates, Noel and Chevaughn Joseph of the Just Because Foundation, Dr Adesh Ramsubbag, Programme Director and Prof Compton Bourne of the EPP at her official residence in St Ann's, Port of Spain, on June 25.

Her Excellency was familiar with the Just Because Foundation, which works providing medical, emotional and material support for child cancer victims, and their parents. She had attended the JBF concert at the Central Bank earlier in the month.

President Weekes was also interested in the work of the Science Laureate, Dr Adesh Ramsubbag, whose research is in the use of local microorganisms to create new pharmaceuticals to combat antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria.

The Programme Director and Mrs Chevaugh Joseph made presentations to the President: the Just Because Foundation presented her with one of its comfort teddy bears, and the Caribbean Awards presented the autobiography of our founder and first patron, Dr Anthony N Sabga who passed away in 2016. (See our Flickr page for photos of the visit: [flickr.com/photos/anscafe/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/anscafe/)).

Laureates at work and at large



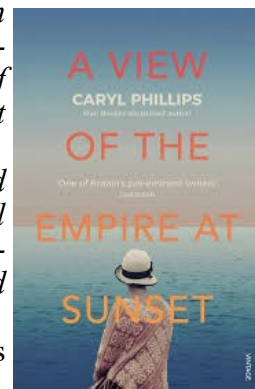
Our 2013 laureate in Arts & Letters Prof Caryl Phillips recently published a new novel, *A View of the Empire at Sunset*. The book is a fictional reworking of the autobiography of

another Caribbean writer, Jean Rhys, who was born in Dominica in 1890, and left for England as a young woman, at age 16. She published the canonical novel, *Wide Sargasso Sea*, among many other works of fiction, and by the time she died in 1979, left an incomplete autobiography,

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Smile Please. The novel has been widely and glowingly reviewed in many top tier publications. William Boyd, writing in the *New York Times* in late June, said of it: *'Caryl Phillips proudly upholds [Jean Rhys] standards in this austere, evocative investigation of a life caught somewhere between colored and white.'* It is a novel of acute psychological empathy and understanding.'

Prof Phillips was born in St Kitts.



Our 2017 laureate in Public & Civic Contributions Guyanese lawyer and legal scholar, Dr Christopher Arif Bulkan,

has been elected to serve on the United Nations Human Rights Committee for a term of four years from 2019—2022.

He was nominated by the government of Guyana, and this is the first time a national of that country will serve on the Human Rights Committee. This is a body of eighteen independent experts of high moral character and recognized competence in the field of human rights that monitors implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by its state parties.

Dr Bulkan lectures at UWI. He has been instrumental in challenging laws affecting LGBTQ persons.

Our 2014 laureate in Arts & Letters Prof Liam Teague of Trinidad & Tobago, has been named a Presidential Research and Artistry and Scholarship Professor at Northern Illinois University where he is a Professor of Music and Head of Steelpan Studies.

Prof Teague is an international performer, celebrated for his mastery of Trinidad & Tobago's national instrument. Despite his international commitments, he returns regularly to arrange for Trinidad's annual Panorama competition. He has also created many opportunities for young Trinidadian musicians to acquire scholarships to complete their musical education in the United States.

He has also helped the preservation of steelpan history by his recognition and support of pan pioneers.



EPP Appointments



The Most Honorable Professor Sir Kenneth O Hall, ON, GCMJ, OJ

The ANSA Caribbean Awards is honoured to announce the appointment of Sir Kenneth O Hall to its regional Eminent Persons Panel.

Sir Kenneth has had a distinguished career in public service and academia. He was appointed Governor-General of Jamaica on February 16, 2006. He is the fifth person, and fourth Jamaican, to hold this position since

Independence in 1962.

Prior to assuming his position as Governor-General, Professor Hall was Pro Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. During the ten years (1996-2006) at the UWI, the policies he implemented resulted in significant transformation in academic programmes, physical infrastructure and in student relations on the Campus. He was zealous in his efforts to establish an environment conducive to learning and one that was supported heavily by information and communication technologies.

He is also a productive and prolific academic and writer who has published several books, articles and reviews on issues relating to History and International Relations. He is also renowned for his contribution to advancement of the regional integration process, during his tenure at the CARICOM Secretariat from 1975-1977 and 1994 and 1996.



Diana Mahabir Wyatt, MDW, LLD (Honoris Causa)

Mrs Diana Mahabir-Wyatt joins the EPP as the representative of the ANSA McAL Foundation. She has been one of the most active personalities in the public and civic spheres in Trinidad and Tobago for decades. She has served in the Senate (1991-2000), and has been heavily involved in NGOs and other

community based organisations dedicated to women's and children's rights. She is also a human resources professional and has served as a founding member of the National Training Board of Trinidad and Tobago, the Registration, Recognition and Certification Board and the National Insurance Board of Trinidad & Tobago.

She served on other committees and commissions including the Workman's Compensation Employment Injury Committee, Severance Pay Legislation Committee, Freedom of Association Committee, National Flexi-Time Committee, National Productivity Council, the National Training Board, the Self Help Commission, and the Family Court Committee, among others.

In 2012 she was awarded a Doctorate of Laws (Honoris Causa) from the University of the West Indies. In that year she was also awarded a Community Service Medal (Gold) for her work in the field of Human Rights, specifically work with women. She is also certified in Psychometric Testing, Mediation, Executive Coaching, and Counselling.

News and Events



Programme Director Maria Neilson recently met with the CARICOM Secretary General, Ambassador Irwin LaRocque, to discuss forming ties with the ANSA Caribbean Awards.

She apprised the Secretary General of the 34 laureates in the fields of art, science, public work and entrepreneurship, and suggested several means by which our laureates and organisation could contribute to regional development programmes.

Maj General Joseph Singh, a member of our Eminent Persons Panel from Guyana, was appointed Pro Chancellor of the University of Guyana in March. He was elected by unanimous vote of the University Council.

General Singh had an illustrious career in the Guyana Defence Force, and since his retirement has been active in public service. He was Chairman of the Guyana Elections Commission, and Executive Director, Conservation International Guyana, 2001-2005. He was made a member of the Order of the Golden Ark of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in 2003 for his conservation work.



Mr Alim Hosein, a member of our Guyana Country Nominating Committee, was named as a recipient of the Golden Arrow of Achievement, Guyana's second highest national award, in the 2018 Guyana Honours List.

Mr Hosein is a senior lecturer in Education at the University of Guyana whose specialty is in linguistics, contemporary Guyanese art, and Creole languages. He has been a Fulbright Scholar (1988) and was recognised with the Award for Distinguished Service by the UG in 2004.

