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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SENATOR THE HONOURABLE DR. AMERY BROWNE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS, MEETS WITH FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. WINSTON DOOKERAN**

**PORT OF SPAIN: 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2022**

Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, received former Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Winston Dookeran at the Ministry's Headquarters on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022.

During their discussion, Mr. Dookeran raised the topic of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean which was launched in May 2014 during Mr. Dookeran's tenure as Foreign Minister. Mr. Dookeran explained that the original purpose and conceptualisation of the Diplomatic Academy were to provide continuous training for Foreign Service Officers from Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean and to serve as a channel for the resolution of conflicts affecting the region. Further, it was intended to provide solutions through research and dialogue, based on the available human and academic resources that are at the Academy's disposal. He encouraged the Minister to pursue further engagement with stakeholders of the Academy in order to yield these benefits.

Minister Browne expressed gratitude to Mr. Dookeran for the visit and the exchange of ideas during their meeting and committed to following up on engagement regarding the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean. Minister Browne also conveyed his deep respect and admiration for Mr. Dookeran and the work that he continues to do.

Prior to the end of the meeting Mr. Dookeran presented two of his books to the Minister: *Crisis and Promise in the Caribbean – Politics and Convergence* and *The Caribbean on the Edge – The Political Stress of Stability, Equality and Diplomacy*.

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Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne greeting Mr. Dookeran (Photograph courtesy Information Division)



Mister Dookeran presenting Minister Browne with copies of his books

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