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MINISTER BROWNE ADDRESSES THE OPENING CEREMONY OF LATIN NIGHTS III

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On 12th June, 2023, Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, addressed the opening ceremony of ‘Latin Nights III,’ a celebration of Latin American and Spanish culture, arts and cuisine. Stating that the 3rd Latin Nights launch bears testament to the enduring role that cultural promotion and development holds in society, particularly as we face new global challenges, Minister Browne advocated for strengthened regional integration, greater people to people interactions and the bridging of cultural divides through cultural diplomacy.

Invitees were afforded the opportunity to view an exhibition of artefacts and a photographic exhibition and were treated to culinary samples of food and drink from countries participating in Latin Nights III: Argentine Republic, Republic of Chile, Republic of Cuba, United Mexican States, Republic of Panama, Republic of Peru, Dominican Republic, Kingdom of Spain, and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Other cultural items on display included film screening, dance, drums and spoken. The evening’s festivities concluded with a dynamic performance by Panamanian jazz singer Idania Dowman.

Latin Nights III continues until 22nd June, 2023. Further information is available from the NALIS website: www.nalis.gov.tt

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*For the ribbon cutting to launch Latin Nights III are from left: **H.E. Yutaka Matsubara**, Ambassador of Japan; **Mr. José Cisterna**, Consul and Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Embassy of Chile; **H.E. Álvaro Sánchez Cordero**, Ambassador of Venezuela; **Ms. Paula Greene**, Executive Director of NALIS; **H.E. Marcelo Gabriel Suárez Salvia**, Ambassador of Argentina; **Senator the Honourable Donna Cox**, Minister of Social Development and Family Services; **Honourable Symon de Nobriga**, Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister – Communications; **H.E. Fernando Nogales Álvarez**, Ambassador of Spain; **H.E. Tania Diego Olite**, Ambassador of Cuba and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps; **Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne**, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs; **H.E. Víctor Hugo Morales Meléndez**, Ambassador of Mexico; **H.E. David Francisco Málaga Ego Aguirre**, Ambassador of Peru (behind Ambassador of Mexico); and **H.E. Selvia Miller** Ambassador of Panama.*



***Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne**, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs (at left); and **H.E. Selvia Miller**, Ambassador of Panama (at right), with **Idania Dowman**.*

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