



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism

Recommissioning of 100 Steps, San Fernando

Remarks

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Good morning,

It is an honour to be here today as we officially open the transformed One Hundred Steps now reimagined as a bold and vibrant symbol of culture, creativity and community pride in the heart of San Fernando.

This is what vision looks like when it becomes visible.

What was once simply a passageway is now a point of interest. It is now a place that invites people to stop, to look, to take it in, and to connect. And that matters.

Because tourism is not only about beaches, hotels and airports. It is also about character. It is about experience. It is about creating spaces that make a city feel alive, memorable and worth exploring.

Projects such as these show how thoughtful investment in public space, supported by private initiative and community partnership, can create something with cultural value, tourism value and economic value.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to Hideout Signs Ltd, the Rahaman Family, and the San Fernando City Corporation, along with all those who contributed to this remarkable transformation. Your work has not only enhanced a landmark; it has redefined it.

This project serves as a powerful testament to our national movement: "Buy Local, Build Trinidad." When we look at these steps, we see local talent, local business and local creativity on display. This is what happens when we invest in our own people and our own capacity. I urge every citizen and business owner: let this project inspire you to look inward first. To build our nation, we must first buy into our nation.

This is the essence of place-making. When we improve our spaces, we strengthen communities, celebrate identity, and create new opportunities for vendors, creatives, photographers and visitors alike.

As Minister, I see initiatives like this as part of a broader strategy one that focuses on diversifying our tourism product, strengthening local economies, and encouraging public-private partnerships that deliver sustainable results.

But beyond policy and strategy, today is about pride.

- Pride in our communities.
- Pride in our creativity.
- And pride in what we can achieve when we work together.

Let this project send a clear message: transformation is possible. Innovation is welcome. And every corner of Trinidad and Tobago holds potential once we have the vision and the will to unlock it.

I commend everyone involved in this initiative, and I look forward to seeing more projects like this emerge across our country.

Thank you.