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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AS HONORARY OVERSEAS BENCHER OF THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE MIDDLE TEMPLE.

The Honourable The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Ivor Archie O.R.T.T, was on Tuesday 10 February, 2015 called to be an Honorary Overseas Bencher of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple is a UK based legal education and training institution with a long and distinguished history that can be traced back to the 14th century and is one of only four Inns of Court with the right to call law students to the English Bar. The Benchers form the governing body (or Parliament) of the Inn. Honorary Benchers however, have no official duties.

The Honourable Society reserves the right to invite senior members of the Bar and Judiciary who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their field, as well as other distinguished persons, to the exclusive honour of being appointed Honorary Members of the Bench. The Chief Justice has the distinction of joining the likes of the former United States Attorney General Mr. Eric Holder, the Honourable Lee Kan Yew, the first Prime Minister of Singapore and British Prime Minister, the Right Honourable David Cameron MP as Honorary Benchers. Prince William of the UK Royal Family sits as the Royal Bencher following in the footsteps of the Queen Mother.

Chief Justice Archie was called to the Bench in a traditional formal ceremony witnessed by the Master Treasurer Stephen Hockman Q.C., The Right Honourable Lord Carnwath CVO, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, The Right Honourable The Lord Judge, Members of the Bench, Barristers and law students. He now takes his place among the nearly 100 Honorary Benchers.

He is expected to return to the jurisdiction on February 15, 2015.

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