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TTSEC Crowns National Champion in Inaugural Investing Debate Competition 2026

The Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (TTSEC) successfully concluded its inaugural National Investing Debate Competition 2026, themed *"Our Virtual Assets,"* on **Friday 30 October 2026, at the Government Campus Plaza, Port of Spain.**

Following weeks of spirited debate, critical thinking and compelling arguments, **Fatima College** emerged as the National Champion, while **St Joseph's Convent, San Fernando** secured second place. **Presentation College, Chaguanas,** was awarded third place.

The competition, which commenced on 28 September 2026, brought together 22 secondary school teams from across Trinidad and Tobago, providing students with an opportunity to explore financial literacy, investor protection and the opportunities and risks associated with virtual assets.

The Grand Final featured an exciting showdown between Fatima College and St. Joseph's Convent, San Fernando, as both schools demonstrated exceptional research, confidence and debating skills before a distinguished panel of judges.

Delivering remarks at the Grand Final, TTSEC Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Kester Guy, cautioned students about the potential risks associated with emerging financial technologies, stating**, "New technologies can create opportunities, but an exciting idea still requires careful examination. Prices can change sharply. Fraud can occur. Money can be lost."**

The programme also featured remarks by Senator the Honourable Dominic Alexander Smith, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, and Dr. Peter Smith, Chief Education Officer at the Ministry of Education.

Beyond the competition, participating students gained valuable exposure to financial concepts and developed essential skills in research, public speaking, analytical thinking and informed decision-making.

The TTSEC extends its sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Education for its approval and support, the participating schools, teachers, coaches, judges, parents and supporters, as well as its valued sponsors and partners whose contributions made this inaugural initiative possible.

Through initiatives such as the National Investing Debate Competition, the TTSEC remains committed to advancing investor education, promoting financial literacy and empowering the next generation to make responsible financial decisions.

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About the TTSEC: The TTSEC is governed by the Securities Act Chapter 83:02 and is responsible for overseeing the securities market and ensuring that fairness, equity and transparency remain common values in the marketplace. Our vision is to be an innovative regulator of a thriving securities market, enabling economic development for the benefit of all.

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