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### **NIHERST mourns the passing of Professor Emeritus Winston Mellowes**

[POS, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2023] – The National Institute of Higher Education Research Science and Technology (NIHERST) is in mourning following the passing of the esteemed Professor Emeritus Winston Mellowes.

As the Past Chairman of NIHERST (2017-2020), Professor Mellowes played a pivotal role in steering the Institute towards robust advancements in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) across Trinidad and Tobago.

Professor Mellowes was a transformational leader where his impactful tenure witnessed the infusion of a strategic vision into the Institute's plan, setting a robust course for its development. His visionary 2019 initiative to establish a strategic collaboration with Shell Trinidad and Tobago Ltd. resulted in the commissioning of the Shell STREAM Programme, powered by NIHERST. This collaboration continues to generate substantial benefits, particularly for NIHERST and the nation's youth.

A recipient of the 2021 Chaconia Medal (Gold), Professor Mellowes was a distinguished individual, earning Fellowship with the Caribbean Academy of Sciences (CAS). His contributions to the CAS, where he served as Foreign Secretary and later attained the prestigious position of President, underscored his profound impact on the scientific community.

In his renowned career at the University of the West Indies spanning over three decades, Professor Mellowes led the Department of Chemical Engineering. Beyond academia, he generously shared his knowledge and wisdom, holding positions such as President of the Association of Professional Engineers of Trinidad and Tobago, Chairman of the Board of

Engineering of Trinidad and Tobago, member of the Board of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad & Tobago, the Trinidad & Tobago Group of Professional Organizations (TTGPA), and member of the Board of Directors of the UWI Credit Union.

Retiring in 2007 as Professor Emeritus, Professor Mellowes left an indelible mark on the scientific community. While his departure creates a void, his teachings and legacy will forever guide future generations in their pursuit of knowledge.

Professor Emeritus Mellowes' iconic journey is detailed in the following link: <https://icons.niherst.gov.tt/icon/winston-mellowes-ci2>

We wish to extend our sincerest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Professor Emeritus Winston Mellowes.



*Professor Emeritus Winston Mellowes*

(Date of Birth) 28th June 1941 – (Date of Passing) 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**About NIHERST**

NIHERST is a statutory body established in 1984 to promote science, technology and higher education in Trinidad and Tobago consistent with national development goals. The Institute is an agency under the Ministry of Education. Its current work focuses on the development of a more diversified, knowledge-driven economy, based on the ingenuity of our people and their ability to create, adapt and use science and technology for wealth generation and national development. Many of its programmes aim to strengthen the innovative, creative and entrepreneurial capabilities of the general population. NIHERST is also engaged in research, such as in foresight and innovation, to support economic diversification; promoting innovation and the commercialisation of technology in priority sectors; and building global partnerships.