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TTMA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GoRTT *'VACCINATE TO OPERATE'*

(7TH June, 2021) - The Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA) in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) is pleased to report a successful execution of its first vaccination drive for the business community at the Divali Nagar Site on Sunday 6th June, 2021.

President of the TTMA, Ms. Tricia Coosal was thrilled at the success of this unprecedented partnership and collaboration with the Ministries of Health and Trade & Industry to make significant strides in the vaccination of the business community.

Ms. Coosal stated, "This first dose vaccination drive is a record milestone! The TTMA stands proud today as we are honoured to be the first private entity to be allowed to set up and execute a vaccination site in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT)."

Ms. Coosal went on to state, "Our accomplishment today goes further, as a team we were able to administer **2697 first time doses** of Sinopharm within an 8 hour period...to date this represents the most vaccines to be administered at any one site. We surpassed our target of 2,500 doses. This is a proud TTMA achievement as it's a first-time run of a significantly large vaccine site under a public-private partnership."

Ms. Coosal further highlighted, "This momentous partnership would not have been possible without the trust and guidance to TTMA of both Minister Deyalsingh and Minister Gopee-Scoon. We are also extremely pleased with the response from our membership and their employees who came out in their hundreds to receive the vaccine."

"The TTMA is also grateful to all the voluntary doctors and nurses of the T&T Medical Association and SEWA International TT that went beyond the call of duty by giving of themselves generously to this cause. We truly appreciate the sacrifice of their time and all efforts to ensure a successful vaccination day."

The spirit of collaboration was ever-present as volunteers turned up in their numbers from the T&T Medical Association led by President Dr. Vishi Beharry, SEWA International TT led by President Mr. Revan Teelucksingh, TTMA Membership and Secretariat. All systems in place at the vaccine site generally worked like clockwork with proficient database and logistical management and the free flow at vaccine stations, all in keeping with strict MOH guidelines.

The TTMA's commitment to the vaccination drive remains unwaivered. We recognise the strength of partnership with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago in vaccination drives. TTMA fully supports the recently launched theme '**Vaccinate to Operate**' as a means to preserving lives and livelihood and to keep the gears of the economy turning.

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