



Message on the 47th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago

Fellow Nationals,

Four decades and seven years ago our country, Trinidad and Tobago emerged from the embrace of colonialism into the uncertain dawn of independence.

Since that day we have shared the experience of all nations which have tread that path before and after us. The major task before the new nation was the building and sustaining of our country amidst the tumult of a rapidly changing world. In large measure we have succeeded but the job is not complete. Trinidad and Tobago remains a work in progress and as with all such endeavours the elixir of success has inevitably been leavened with the nadir of setbacks.

In today's challenging environment our country continues to strive to maintain and build upon that which is good while minimizing the negative. Our performance to date stands as ample testimony of our maturity and resilience: that performance speaks to the energy, inventiveness, tolerance, individuality and commitment of our people. Increasingly, the unique identity of Trinidad and Tobago is being universally recognized.

You, nationals in the diaspora, play a significant role in advancing the image and the interests of the nation abroad and your continued support, goodwill, sense of purpose and commonality of interest are critical to the future development of our country. I urge you to stand with us never relinquishing the hope that tomorrow will be better than today.

As we celebrate this 47th Anniversary of our Independence, it behooves us, all of us, to work together for the creation of a country that stands proud in its democracy, proud in its treatment of all citizens, proud in its institutions, proud in its culture and way of life, proud in demonstrating that small size is no deterrent to excellence.

My family and members of staff of the Consulate General join me in extending warm and hearty congratulations to the national community as we celebrate the 47th Anniversary of our independence.

Harold Robertson
Consul General