



Consul General's Christmas Message



On behalf of the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago I am pleased to extend Season's Greetings and best wishes to my fellow nationals residing in New York and the Tri-State area, to my colleagues in the Caribbean Diaspora as well as to members of the host community as we celebrate another joyous Yuletide Season.

In our multi-ethnic society the observance of Christmas affords us all, regardless of our religious persuasion, the opportunity for merriment, celebration and much festivity in our respective communities and among our family members and friends. While this is in itself commendable, it should also be a time for sobriety, spiritual renewal, reflection and thanksgiving.

Our very young nation has been richly blessed both in terms of its natural resources as well as the talent and resilience of its citizens. We live in a thriving and progressive democracy, we enjoy an enviably high level of religious and political freedom and our nationals enjoy equality before the law.

As the global economic situation continues to be uncertain we as nationals of Trinidad and Tobago must prepare ourselves to countenance the many challenges which undoubtedly lie ahead. As we move forward into the New Year it would serve us in good stead to exercise greater compassion, thoughtfulness, respect and sensitivity for each other and to recall that it is as important to enrich ourselves spiritually as materially.

I wish to express my gratitude to the nationals of Trinidad and Tobago who continue to demonstrate their goodwill and to support the efforts of the Consulate General and I look forward to our continued collaboration in the future.

My staff joins me in extending best wishes to all of you and to your families for a Happy and Holy Christmas Season and a productive New Year.