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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS EXCELLENCY ERNST MARTENS, AMBASSADOR OF GERMANY

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Dr. the Honourable Surujrattan Rambachan, Minister of Foreign Affairs presents a farewell gift to His Excellency Ernst Martens, outgoing Ambassador of Germany.

Dr. the Honourable Surujrattan Rambachan, Minister of Foreign Affairs bid farewell to His Excellency Dr. Ernst Martens, Ambassador of Germany at the end of his tour of duty to Trinidad and Tobago during a farewell luncheon hosted recently in his honour.

His Excellency Martens served as resident German Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago for three years dating from the presentation of his credentials in August, 2007.

During the luncheon, Minister Rambachan paid tribute to the achievements which marked the tenure of Ambassador Martens, describing it as “a most productive diplomatic assignment.” He commended His Excellency for strengthening and deepening the bilateral relationship between Germany and Trinidad and Tobago, including the successful conclusion of an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement, which he indicated would assist in promoting the mutually beneficial aspects of this relationship by encouraging increased investments into this country’s economy and enhancing more extensive economic and trade opportunities between Trinidad and Tobago and Germany.

Ambassador Martens was also lauded for his personal interest in ensuring that Trinidad and Tobago benefited from technical assistance offered by Germany through programmes such as executive training in the practice of diplomacy for young career diplomats, and coaching courses for nationals in the areas of basketball, volleyball and swimming.



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In addition, the Honourable Minister spoke of the strengthening of the cultural links between Trinidad and Tobago and Germany under the term of His Excellency with the hosting of Oktoberfest in Trinidad in September 2009 which combined the talents of chefs from both countries in the preparation of authentic Bavarian cuisine.

Ambassador Ernst Martens expressed his appreciation to the Minister and indicated that it was a pleasure to serve as Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago.

His Excellency has had a long standing diplomatic career, and will assume duties as Ambassador of Costa Rica on leaving Trinidad and Tobago.

Trinidad and Tobago established diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level with the Federal Republic of Germany in September 1962.

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