

**PM Tillman Thomas congratulates T&T on 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence**

**St. George's, September 1, 2011** - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Grenada presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and has the honour to request the latter's assistance in transmitting the following congratulatory message, from Honourable Tillman Thomas, Prime Minister of Grenada, to Honourable Kamla Persad Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

***Begins:***

***I am particularly pleased to offer congratulations and best wishes to the Government and people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the occasion of the celebration of forty-ninth anniversary of Independence.***

***Trinidad and Tobago was one of the pioneers in the region that took the bold step towards self rule; paving the way for other nations in the region to aspire to the goal of independence. Through hard work, dedication, and perseverance, your country has achieved tremendous expansion in its manufacturing and trade sectors which today, have manifested itself into increased growth and economic benefit.***

***The relation between Trinidad and Grenada has been a unique and special one, culturally and historically at the peoples' level and cooperatively at the governmental level.***

*With this in mind, the Government and people of Grenada join hearts with you at this time as you celebrate another year of Independence.*

*With our shared vision for closer integration within the region, I am confident that CARICOM Member States are on the right path of achieving regionally, the excellent relations that we enjoy bilaterally.*

*I take this opportunity, Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government and People of Grenada and on my own behalf to extend good wishes for your continued good health and the prosperity of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.*

*Ends.*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Grenada avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago the assurances of its highest consideration.

**St. George's August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**