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MINISTRIES OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND EDUCATION, PARTNER ON "FUTURE READY TT" INITIATIVE.

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago — The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) has officially entered a new phase of national digital transformation. On Thursday 28th May, 2026, the Ministry of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence (MPAAI) and the Ministry of Education (MOE), formalised a strategic partnership to roll out the **FutureReadyTT** initiative across the nation's educational landscape. The agreement aligns both Ministries for the upcoming rollout of advanced, secure enterprise artificial intelligence tools, which include ChatGPT-5 Enterprise, Grammarly Enterprise, ChatGPT EDU and Grammarly for Education. The inter-Ministerial signing ceremony took place at the MPAAI's Conference Room, Level 14, Tower C, International Waterfront Centre.

The FutureReadyTT Programme represents a proactive leap toward building a more digitally capable and AI-literate society. Backed by the wider national digital transformation agenda outlined by Prime Minister the Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, through the GORTT's Official Policy Framework, the initiative aims to enhance writing, accelerate research activities, boost administrative efficiency and foster stronger critical thinking skills among public officers, educators and students alike.

The event's proceedings were led by Senator the Honourable Dominic Smith, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, alongside Dr. the Honourable Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education. In attendance were a distinguished assembly of key technical and administrative leaders driving this national strategy, including Permanent Secretaries Cory Belfon (MPAAI), Simone Williams (MOE) and Mr. Keshore Lutchman (MOE), as well as Deputy Permanent Secretary of MPAAI, Sherry Ann Smith-Simmons, and Director of Schools Supervision, Michelle Carter.

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Speaking on the national vision, Senator the Honourable Dominic Smith, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence remarked: *"AI has become one of the defining forces of this generation. The countries that invest in AI literacy and digital confidence today are the countries that will possess stronger workforces, stronger institutions and greater economic competitiveness tomorrow."* He continued, *"This reality places education at the centre of this national transformation. The Ministry of Education, therefore, occupies a critical position within this journey because schools and learning institutions are where future readiness begins."*

The national rollout follows a structured pilot project undertaken by MPAAI, involving approximately 550 public officers within the Ministry. For the education sector, the deployment of enterprise-grade AI tools is set to transform both teaching and learning, with educators being better able to reduce time spent on repetitive drafting and reporting, creating more space for hands-on teaching and active student engagement. Secondary and tertiary students will also benefit as these tools can help them develop sophisticated digital literacy, learning not just to use AI, but to critically question outputs, verify sources, identify inaccuracies and understand the ethical boundaries of automated systems.

The FutureReadyTT initiative complements other digital public infrastructure projects led by the MPAAI and its agencies, such as the **VerifyTT** platform alongside iGovTT, which launched in April 2026. Effectively moving the nation away from the "brown envelope" era of manual paperwork, VerifyTT serves as a national credentials platform and secure mobile wallet, allowing citizens to instantly access, store and share cryptographically secured, tamper-proof official records without long lines or bureaucratic delays.

This partnership signals an unyielding commitment by the GORTT to ensure that Trinidad and Tobago does not solely react to global technological shifts, but is an active driving force. By equipping educators, public officers and students with world-class enterprise AI alongside secure digital identity frameworks, the nation is firmly positioning its citizens to compete, innovate and lead on the global stage.

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Senator the Honourable Dominic Smith, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence and Dr. the Honourable Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education, formalise the Ministries' partnership under the FutureReadyTT initiative.

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Senator the Honourable Dominic Smith, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence and Dr. the Honourable Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education at the Signing Ceremony for the Ministries' partnership under the FutureReadyTT initiative.

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