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Minister of Finance Addresses TTMA Post Budget Forum

Port of Spain: The Honourable Davendranath Tancoo, Minister of Finance on October 14th, 2025, delivered the feature address and also participated in an open panel discussion at the Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association's (TTMA) annual Post Budget Forum held at the HYATT Regency Trinidad.

In his address, Minister Tancoo commended the TTMA and manufacturers for their resilience and progress over the past decade, despite the numerous challenges.

"Given your constraints TTMA stepped up, Manufacturers stepped up. Change has come, and I look forward to all Manufacturers' continuing to develop, grow, and work together with us as we take this country forward. You are the engine of growth of the economy of Trinidad and Tobago. You are where development will come from" he said.

The Minister further underscored the Government's commitment emphasizing the importance of the manufacturing sector as a key driver of the national economy.

Minister Tancoo acknowledged that while the national budget may not contain every solution, it laid the groundwork for long-term progress in which the country will reap the success over time because the seeds have been planted.

He invited stakeholders to reach out and engage with the Ministry of Finance, stressing the importance of shared responsibility. *"I signed up to make this country better and I'm willing to sacrifice to make this country even better. Ladies and gentlemen, I encourage every member sitting here today, to step up, to move forward and help us build our beloved country."*

The event concluded with an insightful and dynamic open panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Pradeep Subrian. Panelists included, the Honourable Minister of Finance, Mr. Dale Parson – President TTMA, Mr. Wade George – Executive Chairman, EY and Dr. Indera Sagewan – Economist. They also addressed several concerns and recommendations by the audience.



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The TTMA Post Budget Forum serves as a platform to foster dialogue between the Government and the manufacturing sector, reinforcing a mutual commitment to economic growth and national development.

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