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Prime Minister Hosts Emancipation Dinner

Dr the Honourable Keith Rowley made a special call to guests gathered at the Diplomatic Centre yesterday (Friday 29th July), to celebrate Emancipation Day, for a deeper appreciation of our history as a precursor to properly charting a course for our future as a Nation. The Prime Minister was also firm in his view that the teaching of our country's history should become a fundamental pillar of our schools' curriculum.

Commenting that Emancipation provides an excellent opportunity for reflection; Dr Rowley noted that in Trinidad and Tobago we are all in a very special place, experiencing a complex culture. The Prime Minister reminded us, that regardless of origin, we all claim Trinidad and Tobago as our own. From descendants of missionaries, indentured workers and an enslaved people have come a unique people, diverse but not disparate.

Concluding his address Prime Minister Rowley extended to his guests and to every citizen of Trinidad and Tobago a very Happy Emancipation Day.

Also speaking at the event was award winning novelist Earl Lovelace. Entertainment was provided by the Wasafoli Dance Group, Kerrice Pascal, Xavier Strings and Freetown Collective.