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Malala visits Trinidad and Tobago for UTT's 10th Anniversary



Pretty as a Picture: *Malala shares a tender moment with a little one who came out to see her during the recent visit to Trinidad and Tobago*

Malala Yousafzai, the seventeen year old global education activist, whose cause is synopsised in her book, I Am Malala, visited Trinidad and Tobago from 27th July- 1st August, 2014 on the invitation of The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) as part of UTT's 10th anniversary celebrations. Malala, who arrived at Piarco International Airport aboard Caribbean Airlines flight BW902, spoke at two (2) public engagements on the 30th & 31st July, 2014. The first event, geared toward a more youthful demographic, saw Malala address an audience comprised of primary, secondary and tertiary level students. The event was endorsed by the Ministry of Education in addition to the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training. Thursday's Gala event, 'An Evening with Malala' saw Malala speak to a diverse audience of leaders and noted business persons in society.

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) commenced its tenth anniversary celebrations on the 31st January 2014 as it began a yearlong celebration to mark a significant milestone in its history. Since then the University has had a number of campus-led events, with a signature activity each month aligned to its current programmes and mandate as a National University. Over the past six months, the University led the Academy of the Performing Arts' Big Band Concert, the Anthropology of Sparrow, Dedication of Lands for an Aviation Campus and Graduation of the first Cohort of Aviation students, Rededication of the ECIAF Campus, Launched the knowledge.tt Platform, hosted its Caribbean Academy of Fashion Design "Fashion Week" and UTT Animation Toon Market.

UTT Scholarships for the Malala Fund:

Given its internationalisation thrust, UTT will provide two (2) scholarships annually for the period, 2014-2015 to 2016-2017, to the Malala Fund. These scholarships which will be open to both local and international students will include, where applicable, tuition, airfare, accommodation and living expenses.

Who is Malala Yousafzai?

Malala Yousafzai has fought for the rights of all children to a proper education since she was not able to have this right in her native Pakistan. Former British Prime Minister and UN Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown visited Malala Yousafzai in hospital after she had been shot by Taliban extremists for promoting girls education. Mr. Brown soon after launched a petition in support of Malala's cause, which he said impacted his own policies for education, and the creation of the campaign 'no child be left out of school by 2015'. The petition is now further extended to international organizations in support of the world's 61 million out-of-school children to gain access to education by the end of 2015. Trinidad and Tobago therefore had a model to showcase to the world in this regard.

Over the past two years, Malala Yousafzai's achievements have been celebrated by international agencies, Governments and Institutions. She was conferred with an honorary doctorate from the University of King's College in Halifax in May 2014, and in 2013 she was awarded Honorary Master's Degree from the University of Edinburgh and nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. She has been nominated again in 2014. In 2013, the Time magazine named Malala Yousafzai in the top 100 most influential people in the world.



Malala continues to influence the Global Education Agenda in numerous ways through the Malala Fund. Her story has been told extensively on the internet and social media where she attracts hundreds of thousands with her speeches, the most famous of which was given last year at the United Nations. She also continues to be impactful through her book "I am Malala" and avail herself through her advocacy in areas such as Nigeria.

A word from our Sponsors…

First Citizens

First Citizens congratulates The University of Trinidad and Tobago as it celebrates its tenth anniversary. We are proud to have partnered with UTT to facilitate the visit of Malala Yousafzai to Trinidad and Tobago. One of key areas of focus under the First Citizens Corporate Social Responsibility programme is Youth Development and Education. We see this as a means of strengthening the nation and enabling it to move forward.

First Citizens supports Malala and the ideology that she embodies; which is 'an equal right to an education' especially for young girls and women. We remain committed to this cause and will continue to support similar future endeavours.

Blue Waters

Blue Waters commends UTT on their 10th anniversary and for the historic visit of Malala Yousafzi to our shores. This visit, without a doubt, will inspire our young people to see the value of an education in today's society.

Blue Waters understand the importance of education as a corporate citizen of Trinidad and Tobago. We continue to promote education with our partners such as UTT through school tours, On-the-Job Training as well as an alignment with Hero's Foundation.

Blue Waters believes in the sustainability of our youths and that education is the most powerful weapon which one can use to change the world.

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Congratulations to UTT

Blink I bmobile was honoured to be a sponsor of the landmark visit of world renowned youth education activist Malala Yousafzi on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of The University of Trinidad and Tobago. The visit was indicative of UTT's growing reputation as a local platform for citizens with global aspirations. Blink I bmobile shares UTT's vision for keeping the people of Trinidad and Tobago at the forefront of international trends in our respective industries and like us, their continued growth and success will certainly fuel the country's prosperity.

Malala Meets with Leaders



"Her [Malala's] visit gave us an opportunity to be part of her illustrious story and whatever her strides in world history, we in Trinidad and Tobago and our National University [UTT] would be cited as having played a role in the many chapters of her onward journey".

An Autographed Copy: *Malala signs a copy of her book- "I Am Malala"- for Senator the Honourable Timothy Hamel-Smith, President of the Senate and then Acting President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.*



Special meeting: *The Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, S.C., Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (2nd from right) chats with Malala (2nd from left). Also present are Malala's father, Ziauddin Yousafzai (left) and Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (right).*



Hosted by the High Commissioner: *His Excellency Arthur Snell, British High Commissioner, introduces Malala at Iftar at an event hosted by the British High Commission.*

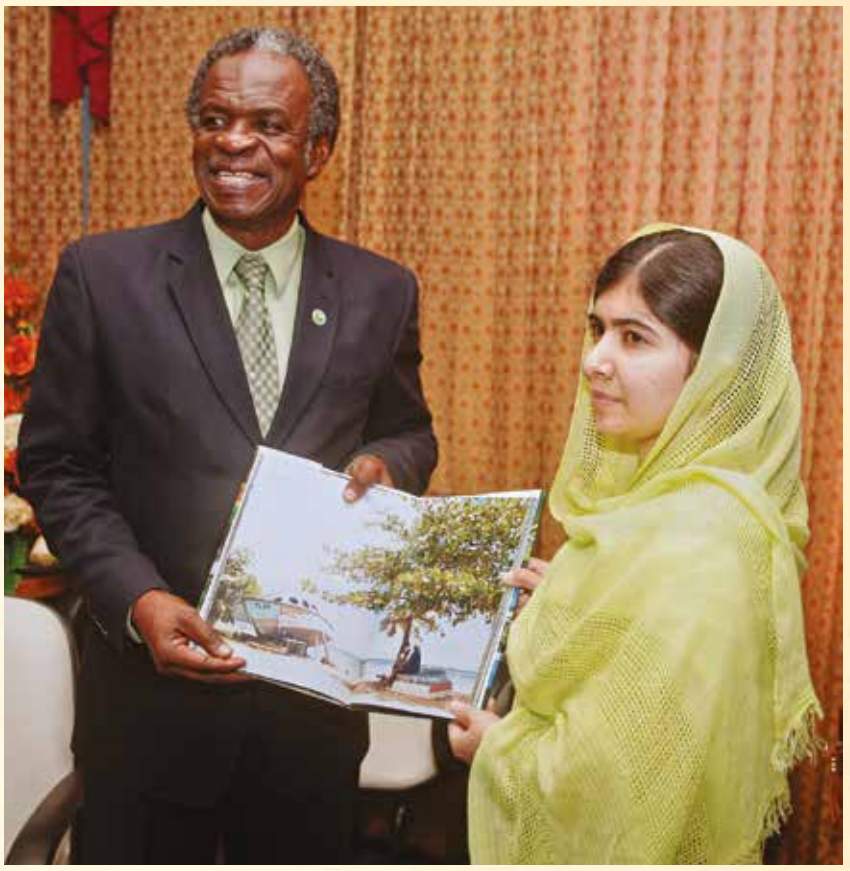
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Malala Charms THA's Chief Secretary

Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly ORVILLE LONDON was inspired by the sincerity and maturity of Malala Yousafzai who paid him a courtesy call on the Monday 28th July, 2014 during a brief visit to the sister isle. "We are more appreciative of the calibre of this young lady and how she can inspire all of us through education" he told the media.

He thanked UTT and in particular line Minister Fazal Karim for the initiative and for recognising the importance of Tobago sharing in this experience. "We in Tobago are honoured to have this outstanding lady with us. It's awesome what she would have accomplished by the age of 17 but most importantly for us in Tobago, is the fact that here is a young lady who is prepared to strive for and fight for what is right. This is the lesson we in Tobago will take away".

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A Gift for Malala: *The Honourable Orville D. London, Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) presents Malala with a token of appreciation at their meeting in Tobago.*

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NATIONAL FLOUR MILLS LIMITED
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National Flour Mills Limited extends warm wishes to the members of staff at UTT in celebration of a remarkable 10 years of service to educational development within Trinidad and Tobago.

Your 10th anniversary demonstrates your commitment to facilitating education and sustaining national development for our future generation.

NFM also congratulates UTT on its success in hosting international education activist Malala Yousafzai to our shores.

Like Malala's focus - "the right to education," NFM continues its relentless commitment to our communities and future generation by supporting educational programmes in the field of baking and culinary arts.

NFM aligns itself to Malala's focus and is proud to be associated with UTT in bringing her visit to a remarkable success.

KENSON ENERGY INSTITUTE

Kenson salutes The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) on the singular achievement of hosting a world renowned education advocate as Malala Yousafzai and is deeply inspired by her visit.

The Kenson School of Production Technology shares a common vision with UTT and was one of the earliest advocates for Malala's visit. Kenson was recognised as one of the more prominent private-sector, technical schools sponsors at the Gala function, "An Evening with Malala", that culminated the visit of Malala Yousafzai to Trinidad and Tobago under the auspices of UTT.

Kenson continues to fly the national flag internationally in several countries in Africa and Suriname and has been selected as External Assessor for the upcoming certification of technicians for the oil refinery in Peru.

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Malala Celebrates EID-ul-Fitr with Children at the Lady Hochoy Centre (South)

"Seeking knowledge at [a] young age is like engraving on a stone"

so said Hasan al-Basri, noted preacher, theologian and scholar of Islam. On this year's Eid-ul-Fitr, children from several homes in south Trinidad celebrated with international education activist, Malala Yousafzai. The event, which was hosted by The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) with kind part sponsorship from SM Jaleel and Company Limited (SMJ), welcomed children from the Lady Hochoy Centre (South), Operation Smile Children's Home, Couva Children's Home & Crisis Centre, Jai Lakshmi Children's Home and the El Shaddai Retsoration Home.

Ms. Lorna Ross, Chairperson of Lady Hochoy Centre (South), remarked that Malala's mission "to educate all" was in fact similar to that of the Centre as the institution, which is now in its 45th year, seeks to educate students in areas such as "religion, life-skills, sport, art and craft, music and functional academics" She remarked that it was a privilege for them to pay "tribute to Malala for [her] courage and persistence against odds that we can only imagine".



Patriotic Flair: *Malala Yousafsai visits the Lady Hochoy Centre on the Eid-ul-Fitr holiday where she meets and addresses the children there, as well as those from Operation Smile Children's Home, Couva Children's Home & Crisis Centre, Jai Lakshmi Children's Home and the El Shaddai Retsoration Home.*

Also addressing the capacity audience was Minister of State in the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure and Member for Oropouche West, the Honourable Stacy Roopnarine, who referenced Malala's strength and courage and wished the young activist well in her mission of advocacy in spreading the message of education for all youth. A message that is not lost on the people of Trinidad and Tobago even as the country enjoys universal access to education from primary to undergraduate tertiary education.

Malala Yousafzai, the day's Feature Speaker and guest of honour, commended the many youthful performers from the representative homes who shared in song. She wished Eid Mubarak to all and commented that, "even though many in the audience are not Muslims, it is a privilege to see brothers and sisters celebrating with each other". Malala, who shared her story, remarked that she continued with the campaign to encourage education for all as she wanted children in her neighbourhood to have that opportunity. Malala continued to be impressed by accessibility to education in Trinidad and Tobago as according to her, "many nations can learn from Trinidad and Tobago". She pledged to tell other countries to make education free for every child as it is here in Trinidad and Tobago in her many world travels in promotion of education.

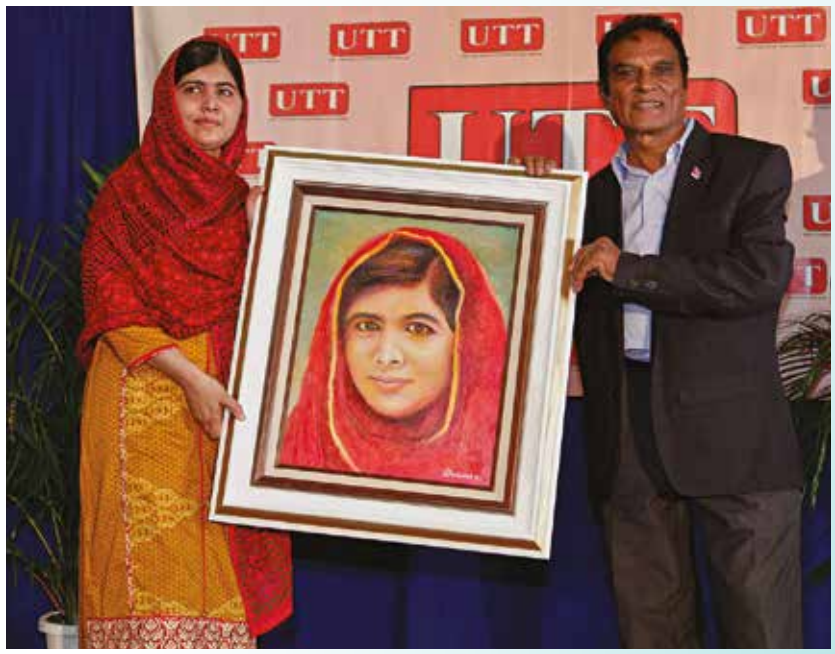
Special presentations were made to Malala, including that of a portrait by Sirju Seeharack, a Florida-based Trinidadian. Seeharack has produced and presented portraits to President Obama, the family of Martin Luther King Jr., Prime Minister Kamla Persad Persad-Bissessar and many others.

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Through the Eyes of her Father - *A Father's Love*

Malala's father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, is a true source of inspiration to his daughter and has stood with Malala as she advocates for the equitable access to education of children the worldover. According to Yousafzai, "changing attitudes towards girls' empowerment is difficult" but he believes that there are three steps towards progress in this area:

- Firstly, laws that discriminate against women must be changed as "civil society must pressurise the government to change their laws"
- Secondly, men need to speak out in support of equal rights for women and girls and
- Thirdly, women and girls need to speak out themselves. "Your own voice is the most powerful voice, when it comes to your rights.

The senior Yousafzai further elaborated, "take the example of my daughter, a lot of people were speaking out about education when the Taliban were bombing schools in Swat Valley, but Malala's voice was like a crescendo, it spread all around the world. She was the smallest but her voice was the biggest, because she was speaking for herself."



Daddy's Girl: *Malala Yousafzai with her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, who is often credited as being the major source of strength, inspiration and encouragement for the young activist.*

The Malala Fund

There are 600 million adolescent girls in the developing world. They are an undeniable force for social and economic impact, but, only if given the opportunity. Around the world, girls are denied a formal education because of social, economic, legal and political factors. In being denied an education, society potentially loses one of its greatest and most powerful resources.

The Malala Fund aims to change that.

Education empowers girls to raise their voices, to unlock their potential and to demand change. The Malala Fund's solutions are grounded in inspired innovation as they are girl-centric approaches to education that support the Fund's goal of creating a world where every girl reaches her true potential.

How Do You Donate?

Members of the public wishing to contribute to the Malala Fund can do so at First Citizens via account #142-9625. Deposits can be made at any First Citizens branch. Persons wishing to deposit directly should indicate their organisation or name and include the name 'MALALA' with their deposits.

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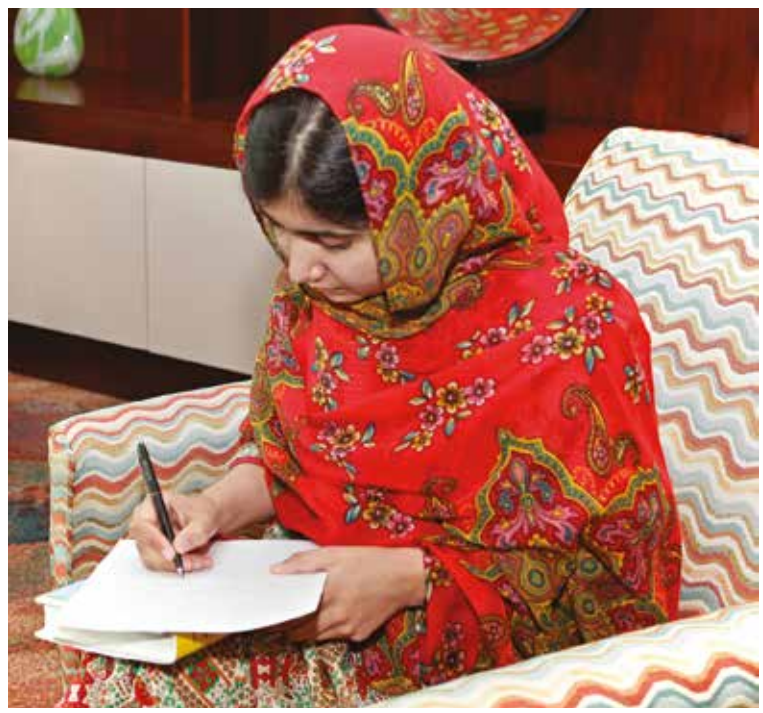
ANSA Mc AL Group is pleased to congratulate The University of Trinidad and Tobago on the celebration of its 10th Anniversary, providing quality education in Trinidad and Tobago. The Group takes this opportunity to recognise the visionary work of UTT spearheading the economic diversification drive, through formal training across a broad spectrum of essential disciplines.

The Group's support for Malala Yousafzai, exemplar ambassador, therefore came naturally and we applaud Malala for her courage and conviction. As a global icon, she openly seeks to mobilise the great wealth of young women everywhere in the world through her powerful message of empowerment through education, expressed in these simple yet infamous words, 'one child, one book, one pen one teacher, can change the world'.

The Guardian Media Limited, specifically the Trinidad & Tobago Guardian, has contributed to this country's literacy and edification since 1917. The 'Guardian in Education' today spans - primary schools (SEA practice test;), secondary schools (essay writing competitions) and across tertiary level institutions through the Digital Guardian Preferred access program, available online via personal computers or smart devices across IOS, Android and or Microsoft platforms, across the Globe.

ReThink

With a mission of promoting happiness and well-being, ReThink, a regional Center of Inspiration, was honoured to take part in Malala's visit to Trinidad and Tobago. Malala's values of strength, passion and resilience are synonymous with ReThink's vision, as embodied in its initiatives. One of these is Project Happiness, a global NGO teaching emotional resilience and well-being to children in 80 countries globally. This ReThink-sponsored program is soon to be implemented locally in schools beginning in September, 2014. Malala continues to inspire us all as we pursue multiple avenues to bring positive change to the world.



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The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) congratulates The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) on its attainment of ten years since its inception as a premier tertiary learning institute in the country. NGC joins UTT in recognising the important role education plays in the advancement of the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

Our Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programme, guided by three main themes of Sport, Civic Life and Empowerment, aims to further the aspirations of our people as we move towards sustainable development. Indeed our focus on Empowerment, enables us to support educational programmes and initiatives designed to promote skills' development and therefore assist persons to achieve their potential in society.

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SM Jaleel & Co. Ltd. is a local company with a global perspective and we believe that it is important for students here at home to understand the struggle and hardships that others around the world, particularly girls, go through to get an education. In many ways, we are the country that Malala envisions as the ideal, providing free education for our citizens at every level and through superb institutions like The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT). Malala Yousafzai's story has touched the lives of all our local children, whose motivation and dedication to their own education has been made even stronger. She is an inspiration to us all.

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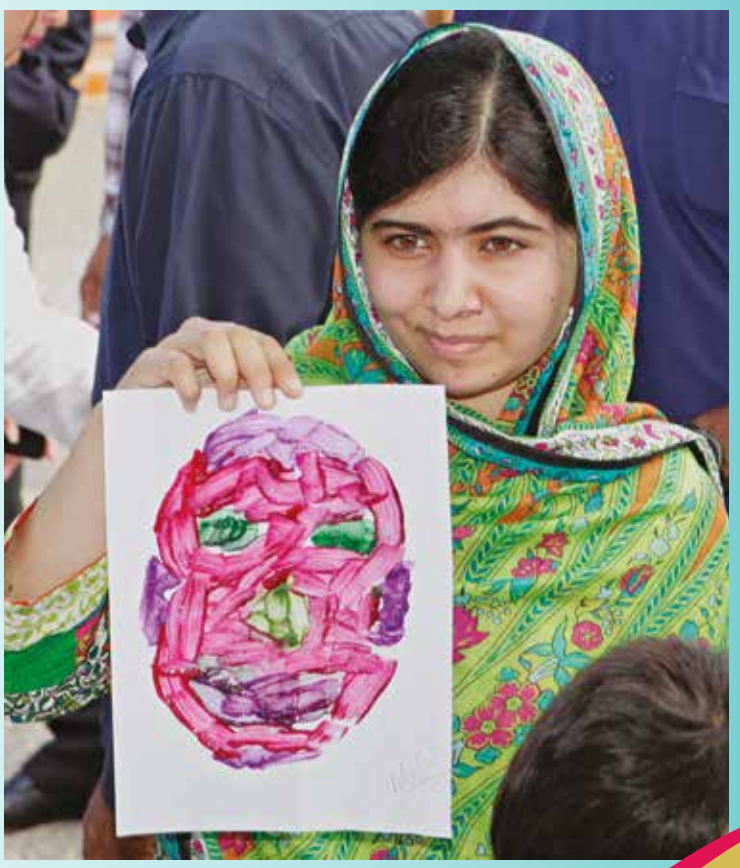


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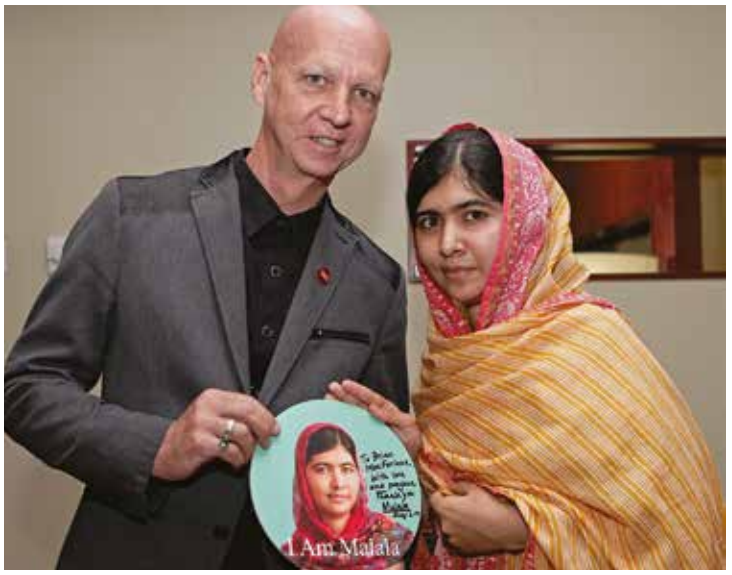
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A Gracious Guest: *Malala is attentive and thoughtful in response to questions about her visit to Trinidad and Tobago.*

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Petrotrin takes its commitment to national and youth development very seriously. Among the many education and skills development opportunities that the company offers are: on the job training for secondary school graduates and corporate and apprenticeship training for selected graduates. In UTT, Petrotrin has found a like-minded partner in education advocacy and that is why we gave our full support to UTT's recent hosting of education activist Malala Yousafzai to our shores. We congratulate UTT on its 10th anniversary and wish the university many more years of success in pioneering the education landscape.



Malala and Mac Farlane: *Trinidadian artist and designer Brian Mac Farlane meets the young activist at "An Evening With Malala".*

Microsoft

A Reason to Celebrate

Microsoft congratulates UTT on its 10th anniversary. This is a momentous occasion made even more significant with the participation of Malala Yousafzai – a true advocate of equal access to education and the rights of women.

Education is a right and social imperative and, through collaboration and the use of technology, education can be exciting, immersive and inspire innovation. Since 2003, through Microsoft's Partners in Learning, we've partnered with institutions helping almost 8 million educators and reaching over 190 million students in 114 countries.

We were proud to serve as a sponsor of Malala's visit. This initiative allowed Microsoft to continue support of the teaching and learning being led by UTT.

Caribbean Airlines
the warmth of the islands

Caribbean Airlines welcomed the opportunity to provide transportation for Malala and her parents on-board from London to Trinidad. We believe that it is in the best interest of our country, and the region at large, to have a well-educated population and a young generation which is open-minded and able to embrace and deal with the complex issues of the modern society. Education is the backbone of development for our country and we are in support of developing a culture of education relevant to the development of the nation.

Malala Yousafzai's Speech "An Evening with Malala" Gala Event at the Lord Kitchner Auditorium, NAPA Thursday 31 July 2014

Bismi-llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm; bismi-llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm – In the name of God, the Most Merciful – the Most Beneficent – first of all I would like to say thank you to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for giving me this great opportunity to come here to see you all; thank you to Honourable Prime Minister – I had a very nice meeting with her; thank you to the President, to the Acting President of The University of Trinidad and Tobago and I congratulate the University on its 10th anniversary. And I would like to – and I would also like to say thank you – a big, big thank you for announcing the scholarships for those girls who are in the developing countries and who have no access to education and who need support. So this would help those girls to continue their education and get quality education in [a] good University here in Trinidad and Tobago. Thank you so much for that.

I'd also like to say thank you to Honourable Minister Fazal Karim who is the Minister of Tertiary Education [and Skills Training] for such a warm welcome and for inviting me to Trinidad and Tobago and I'm very happy here because it was a great experience for me and I have learnt a lot; and a question appears – it might be the question of people but it is a question from my side as well to myself –why am I here? Why am I here – why have I come to this country? Because people would say there is about 99% of education, which is great – it is what I want to see in every country – which is – I want to see 100% education in each country. But if there is this education then why am I here? I can explain it in two ways:

The first thing is, well – I was invited – and the second is here I'm going to give something and I'm going to take something. There are two reasons. I'm gong to give something to this country, which is to share my story – to tell children here how important it is for them to continue their education – to focus on it – to make their country proud – and the second one is to take something – and the thing which I take is an example – an example to tell the world that this is a country – here education is free – from primary to secondary and then into tertiary – and children are even supported in their university level. So this is an example – to world; this is an example to every country – that they should learn from this country where education is free and where every child has access to school. So thank you so much.

It was the 12th of July 1997 that a second daughter was born in a family – the first daughter died and when the mother heard that the second daughter was born, she was really sad, even though the father was happy. It was really sad because she wanted a son; and this girl who was born was me. My mother was waiting for a son and people – when I was born people were coming into our house not to congratulate my mother – but to share her sadness and to say that – don't lose hope, because next time, a son would come. And now my mother really supports me but that time she was really praying for a son she did not want a daughter – her son was born later on. And my father was proud of me – my father was not discriminating me – he loved me and he was proud of me.

He always encouraged me to believe in myself and as he said – "I did not clip her wings; I let her fly". He always tells people, "Don't ask me what I did for Malala; but ask me what I didn't do. And that was that I didn't clip her wings". So I'm very thankful to my father for accepting me as a child, as his daughter and for giving me equal rights as my brothers have – which they complain are more than theirs, but that's fine. I think they are equal. I was going to school and was working hard in my studies carrying a heavy bag and was doing my homework and trying to get a top position in the class, but was not realising – why is it important to go to school? Why am I going to school? – What's the reason? – How is it going to help me in my future?

But then circumstances changed. In 2007 the Taliban entered our beautiful Swat Valley. Swat Valley, which is in the north of Pakistan is famous for its beauty and tourists used to go there from all over the world. But it is no more a place of tourism – but rather – it became a place of terrorism. More than 400 schools were blasted at that time. Girls had no access to school. Girls' education was totally banned by the Taliban who was the militant – who was the terrorist group at that time, who invaded our valley. And they were misusing the name of Islam at that time. They were saying that education was not allowed in Islam – which was totally wrong – because in Islam, education is allowed: for every boy and every girl.

And the word Islam means "peace". The word Islam does not mean any kind of fight. But, these people did not know it. They did not even know that the first word that was revealed on prophet – peace be upon him – was Iqra – and Iqra means "deed". So Islam is about getting knowledge; Islam is about being patient – being tolerant, being just and being kind to each other. It's about loving each other – but they, they did not know it. All they knew was bomb blasts, slaughtering people, flogging women, blasting schools and killing people. This is all they knew. At that time, I could not go to school – and I only had two options – the first one was, remain silent – not to speak – and to wait one day to be killed in a bomb blast. Or just, the Taliban comes and kills you at nighttime.

And the second option was, to speak. To speak: to speak for my rights, and then be killed. And I chose the second one. I chose the second one and I raised my voice. I wrote diaries for the BBC, appeared in interviews and wrote articles, and tried to tell people from all over the world that this is happening in my valley. We are suffering through terrorism. And you, who are speaking for our rights, listen to us. At that time, I was not realising that my voice would have any importance or not. But, things changed. In 2009 there was a military operation; peace was restored; the Taliban, they flew away – they ran out of the valley – we were start[ed] going back to school. But what I discovered later on was that children were not going to school. Not because of terrorism, but there were some other reasons as well.

There was child labour, there was child trafficking, there was early child marriages and forced marriages, there was this discrimination towards women – and there was one woman who was working in our house, helping our family, and she had three daughters – and they were very little. And all her daughters were working in other people's houses to clean their dishes and pots and other things. But now those girls are getting education and our family is helping them and the Malala Fund has started a project in Pakistan in through which they are going [to] school - no longer working in other people's houses.

So I can see there was a kind of discrimination in our society and it was not only just child marriage and those things, but even my brother – one day we were going to some place and I sat in the in front seat of the car. And my little brother came, and he said, "Go to the back seat". And I said, "Why"? He said, "No", like, "You are a girl!" And I said, "What is the reason? A girl has the right to sit wherever she wants and no one can stop her. If she wants to succeed, if she wants to join any field in her life, it is her right." But my brother – he did not know – and this was the influence of society on him. Because in his society he could see no women driving, no women sitting in the front seat, no woman doing work outside, no woman on the road going for [a] job. People see only women working inside the houses and cooking, cleaning the house – that was the concept.

And I want – I wanted a change. I wanted a change. I wanted to see myself – not just remaining inside the four walls of my house and cleaning and cooking and those things – those are good – but I also wanted to see myself as a woman – to have an identity and to be known. To be accepted with equal rights. I wanted to stand up for my rights as a girl – as a woman. I wanted to speak for education; I wanted to speak for the education of every child and to speak up for those children who were suffering from domestic child labour or other kinds of child labour or forced marriages. And that's why in my school – I and my friends – we gathered and we said that we are going to set up a foundation; we are going to work for it. And we brought in objectives and we said that we are going to build schools and we had these big, big dreams. We were not like expecting it to come true, but we had big dreams and we were hopeful that one day we will see every child going to school.

But then in 2012 the incident in which I was shot by a Taliban. The Taliban hit three bullets – two of them hit my other two friends and one bullet hit

Malala Yousafzai's Speech continued

me. And at that time I was in my school bus going back to my home after having my exams at school. But the journey was so long that it did not end even though it was only three minutes away from my house. And now I am here; I still haven't gone home; I still haven't gone to Pakistan – but I'm hopeful that one day I will go back there, Insha'Allah. On that day – when I was shot – my weakness, fear, and hopelessness – they died. And a strength, courage, and power was born. On that day, I realized that God was supporting me. People were supporting me. And even Death was supporting me. Death did not want to kill me. And Death knew that I was right.

So – I'm sharing this story for a purpose. The purpose to tell you that education is very important. You're living in this nice country with like, 98; 99% of education. You should continue your education – it's my message to every child here – that you should continue your education; focus on it – be thankful for it – and let me tell you – let me tell you that there are many children – about 57 million children who are out of school now. And this is – what I want to take away from this country is, my message is - to tell the world that this is an example country and this is how every country should be; because in Jordan – in Jordan there are Syrian refugees and when I went to Jordan there was a camp – concentration camp – and there were about 100,000 people and among those 100,000 people were 60,000 children. And for those 60,000 children there were only 3 schools.

And there was one girl – Mauzoum – I became friends with her and she was really confident, committed – and she wanted to become a journalist and contribute to her society. But she does not have all the facilities of the students in the developed countries have. She wants to become a journalist but she is facing so many problems. And then I met another girl –another girl – Rhema – I met Rhema in a camp and she also had big, big, dreams. She is 13 years old and she was sitting in a tent, trying to get [an] education, sitting with children who are only 6 or 7 years old – but it was her only ambition to get [an] education and that's why she did not care how old she is – she wanted to continue her education. And then in Kenya there are so many girls who are out of school; 1 out of 10 girls hardly get the opportunity to go to the secondary school and in this country, secondary education is totally free. So you think – so I think you should be thankful for it, because if you look at Kenya, here children are asking for their secondary education, for support at least in completing their secondary school [education].

And these are the trips: to Jordan, to Kenya, to Nigeria which I am doing through the Malala Fund because I set up the Malala Fund to fulfill the dreams that I have and [to] see every child going to school. So through the Malala Fund we have two objectives – the first one is to do advocacy, to raise awareness to the responsible people – to tell them to fulfill their responsibilities. And then the second one is to do work on the ground. To do work on the ground, we build schools, we do teachers training– we try to do teachers' training and we try to give facilities to the children, we try to give scholarships; so in Jordan we started schools for those children who are now the Syrian refugees and who need our support; in Kenya we also built a school – in Pakistan we're also working on giving scholarships to those children who are suffering from domestic child labour including the three girls who were working and who were suffering from domestic child labour.

In Nigeria when I went there – you all know about Nigeria as it was discussed in this event – there are about – more than 200 girls were abducted by Boko Haram – and they are still under the abduction of Boko Haram and they really need our support at this time. That's why on my 17th birthday I went to Nigeria and I spoke up for my sisters and I said they should be released as soon as possible; and when I met the President I asked that he should definitely meet the parents of those girls who were abducted and as well the girls who escaped from the abduction. So I have these trips to different places and I saw many problems the children are facing there. Some of them don't have money – the parents cannot afford – in some countries the education is not free from the primary level – in some countries the parents do not even know how important education is – they don't realise – so problems are so many – and we want to solve those problems.

We all want to work together; fight those problems – but I'm sharing it with you that you can realise how lucky you are that you have education, that you have schools, you have other facilities and you are getting free education. And this is the message I am taking from here. I want to tell the international community – I want to tell the international community to come together, to learn from this country and to make sure that every child is getting quality – and free – education. I also use this platform; I use this platform to speak – to speak for those women who are suffering from violence and inequality. There are women who are discriminated – who are not given equal opportunities in their lives. I'm here to speak up for them. They should be treated equally. I'm here to speak up – to speak up for my sisters in Nigeria who are abducted by Boko Haram – we want them to be freed – we want them returning back to their homes – safe and alive.

And I use this platform to speak for my brothers and sisters – those brothers and sisters who are now refugees – there are about 300,000 in Lebanon – 300,000 children who are refugees, who are homeless now, who are living in tents who do not have access to education. I use this platform to speak up for those. I use this platform to speak for the innocent civilians who are suffering in the conflict between Gaza and Israel. Every day you will hear of many children dying; many innocent civilians dying. What is their crime? What is the crime of their child who get killed in a rocket fire? What is the crime of their child? What has he done? We do not want more children to be killed. We do not want more civilians and innocent people to be killed. I use this platform to speak up for my brothers and sisters and every innocent civilian in Gaza; that this war should be ended. They should not be killed anymore. This war should be ended.

And I ask the international community; the leaders – why are they silent at this stage? Why are they silent? They need to stand up; they need to speak. And they need to find solutions for all these conflicts, including the Gaza and Israel conflict. It seems like the world leaders are powerless, or they don't want to do anything. I do not want to see these children and innocent people killed anymore. That's why we're here – to stand up for peace; we're here to stand up for their rights – for them to be saved and free to live; and we ask [the] international community to do something for it.

I usually ask [the] international community and the world leaders, but I'll try my best from my side and through the Malala Fund we'll try to help every girl and every boy in getting education in the countries like Pakistan, like Nigeria, like Syria, and I'm hopeful that one day we will achieve our dream and we should not lose hope. We should not lose hope because 100 years ago, women could not even imagine themselves being allowed to vote; but now you can see that women can vote. Maybe like, more than 50 years ago, Martin Luther King was calling – that he had a dream – he was saying that I have a dream – and he wanted to see all people be treated equally – not to be judged by their skin colour but to be judged on their character. And now you can see that in many countries, his dream has come true – and people are treated equally and are not judged on the basis of their skin colour.

Long ago, people were calling to end slavery and now you can see that slavery has almost ended. Changes… Changes come through the passage of time; they come when people bring them. If we want to see change in our society, if we want to see peace, if you want to bring change throughout the world, then we have to take a step and we have to speak up and we have to raise our voices. I'm hopeful that through this platform I will be able to raise awareness, I will be able to tell children here in Trinidad and Tobago to continue their education, to respect their parents, and as well as to tell parents that they are to support their children, and try to listen to them – what's their view. I'm hopeful that it will contribute to society and it will also contribute to my campaign of seeing every child going to school. Thank you so much for giving me this honour to speak here and I also want to say thank you to The University of Trinidad and Tobago for arranging all the events – thank you so much.

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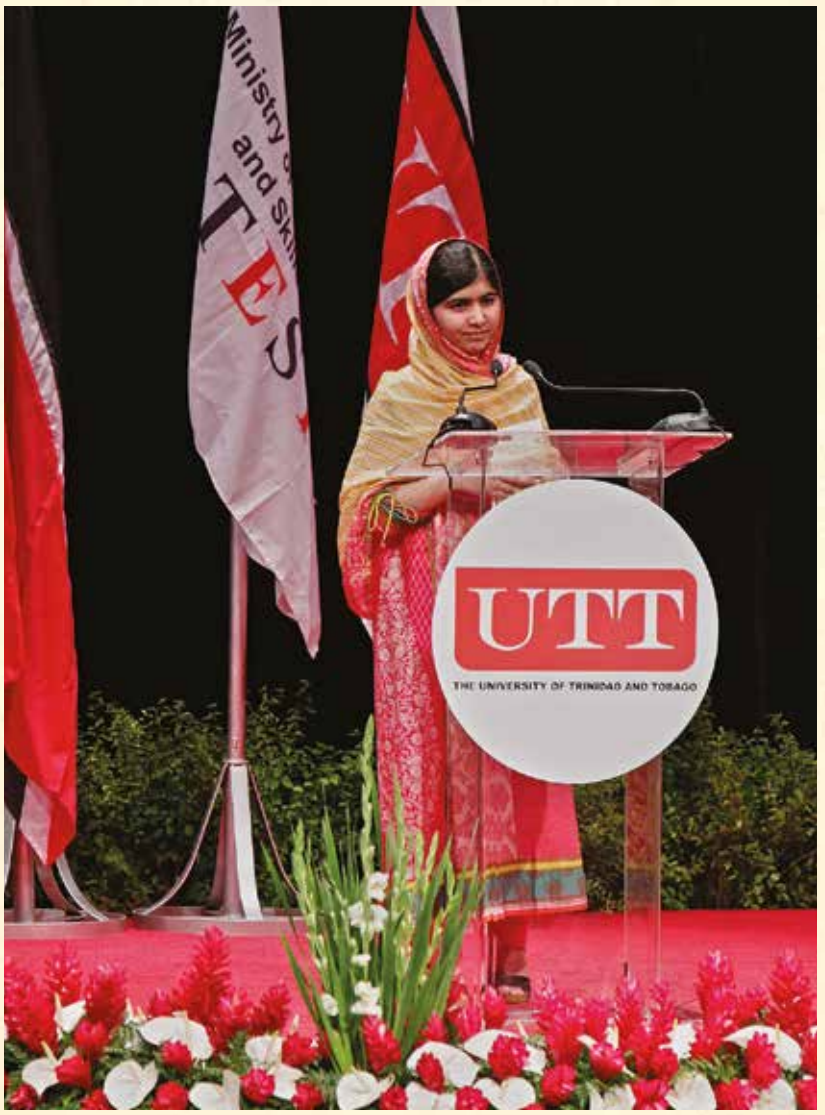
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"An Evening with Malala"

The week of exciting activities culminated in a grand gala event- "An Evening With Malala"- on Thursday 31st July, 2014. Members of the public turned out in their numbers; they received a free copy of bestselling book, "I Am Malala" and were also invited to donate to the Malala Fund. Those present were also treated to quality entertainment by Indian Classical dancer Susan Mohip, the UTT Chorale RAPturous Voices and University staff member, Mr. Krisson Joseph.

The evening's Welcome Address was delivered by Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training. Minister Karim emphatically stated that Trinidad and Tobago's seamless education system "can be seen a model for what this young lady is advocating across the world". He reiterated that education was the "passport from poverty to prosperity" and encouraged all educators and students to not just "continue the good work" and pursue their dreams, but like her, "to never give up." Minister Karim stated that he was "deeply inspired and motivated by Malala- her story and her work" and referred to his own dream of attaining- and exceeding- a sixty percent (60%) national participation rate in tertiary education, as outlined by his Ministry.

Also present to deliver Remarks was UTT's Chairman, Mr. Curtis R. Manchoon, who also drew reference to Malala's persistence and courage. He went on to deliver the exciting news that UTT pledged to offer "two global scholarships in support of Malala's cause annually for the academic period of 2014 – 2017". These, he explained, would be open to "both local and international students" to apply for through the Malala Fund, ensuring that "Malala's legacy will continue at UTT and indeed in Trinidad and Tobago long after her visit comes to an end".



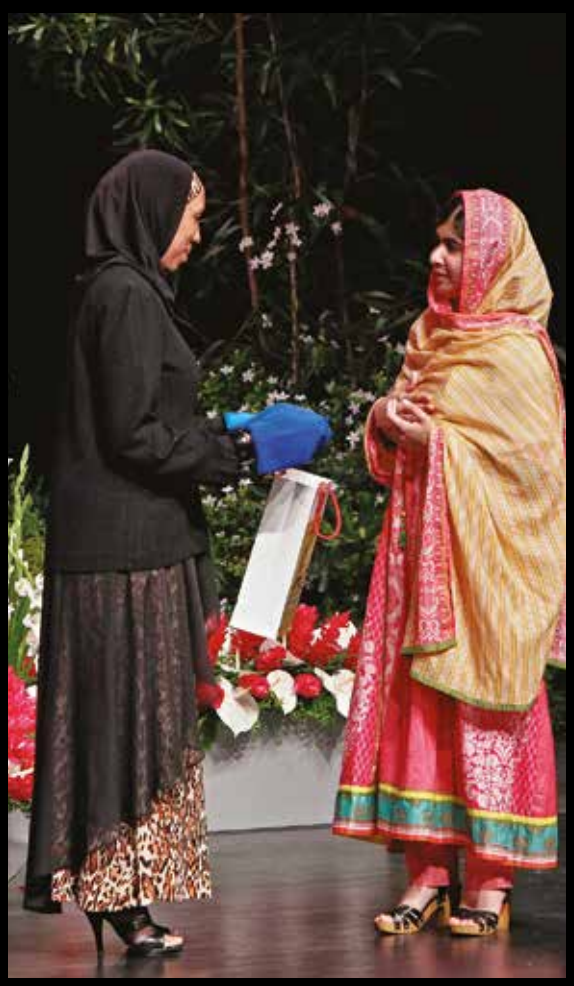
Inspiring and Eloquent: *Malala captivates the audience with her story and the simple but profound message that education can indeed change the world.*

Malala delivered the final Address of the evening and opened on a warm note of gratitude- to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the opportunity to visit and to UTT, for the promised scholarships. These, she noted, would help persons "to continue their education and get quality education at a good University", which would otherwise have been impossible. Malala noted that her presence was ambiguous to some, since access to schooling was not a problem in this country. However, she stated that she came both "to give something and to take something". What she came to give was "her story" and the encouragement for children to "continue their education, to focus on it and make their country proud." She promised to take "an example- to tell the world that this is a country where education is free, from primary to secondary and even tertiary." She then proceeded to narrate her story powerfully and eloquently to a captivated audience, many of whom referred to the experience afterwards as both "inspiring" and "historic".

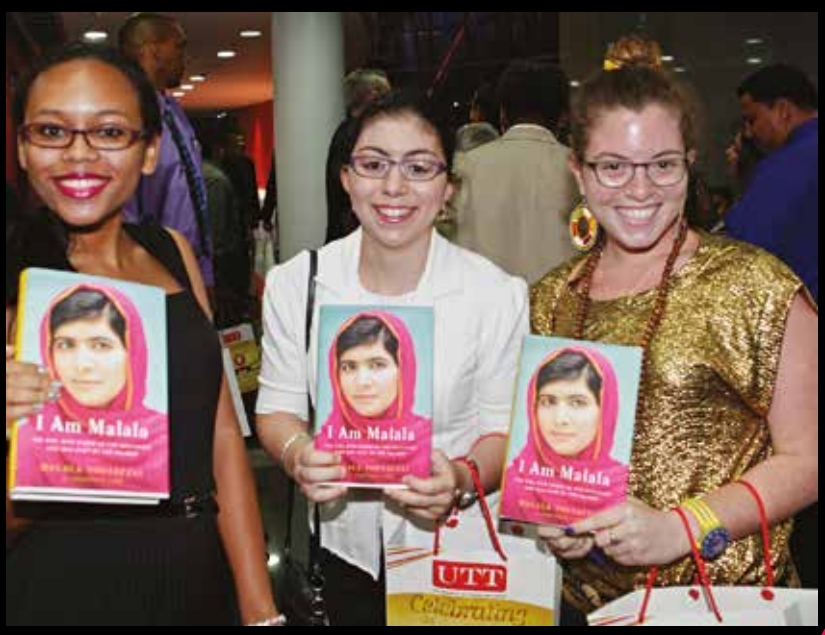
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"I dreamt of a country where education will prevail."

According to global education activist,

Malala Yousafzai

Trinidad and Tobago is an *"example to other countries and children [of this nation] should not take this gift of free access to education for granted."*

—July, 2014.

On behalf of the Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors, Students and Staff of UTT, we are extremely honoured to have hosted this extraordinary advocate of education and girls' rights, Malala Yousafzai, in celebration of UTT's 10th anniversary.

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Malala's Work Continues...

Shortly after her visit to Trinidad and Tobago, Malala Yousafzai joined the United Nations (U.N.) Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon on August 18th to mark the 500 Days countdown until the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals, known worldwide as the "MDGs." The eight MDGs, agreed by world leaders at the UN summit in 2000, are described as a 15-year roadmap to fight poverty, hunger and disease, protect the environment and expand education, basic health and women's empowerment.

Malala again spoke passionately on behalf of her cause, stating,

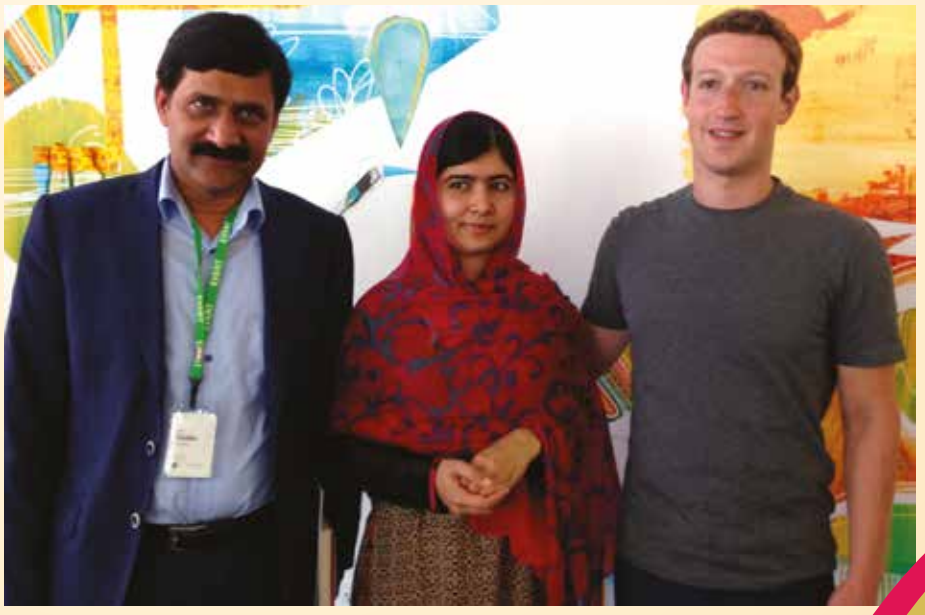
"It was my dream to see every child going to school and it still is my dream."

She publicly referred to her recent visit to Trinidad and Tobago at the meeting, stating that it gave her "hope for the future" that "their education is free. Primary education is free, secondary education is free, tertiary education is free, and even if you want to do a Masters, half of the money is paid by the government." Malala further noted that although the country is not particularly rich, it is developing because it uses its oil and gas revenues for education and training.

Ban Ki-moon called the Pakistani schoolgirl "a daughter of the United Nations" and praised her for changing the landscape of the U.N.'s commitment to the MDGs, particularly in regard to education.

Following her visit to Trinidad and Tobago, Malala also held a private visit with Hollywood actress and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Goodwill Ambassador, Angelina Jolie and American computer programmer, Internet entrepreneur and philanthropist, Mark Zukerberg, concerning her advocacy and the Malala Fund.





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