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"What Can Trinidad and Tobago Teach the World"

When people think about Trinidad, they frequently think of a minute dot in the sea that is seldom noticed on a map. I don't want people to think of Trinidad as this; I want them to think of Trinidad, and not forgetting Tobago, as much, much more. I want them to think of Trinidad and Tobago as what we really are. We are a multicultural, and united people who live together as one in our tropical island with our wide diversity of wild life which makes this country so exquisite and inviting.

The first thing that one would notice about Trinidad and Tobago, is the exuberance of its people and the warmth and hospitality of their staff. This starts even as you enter the airport. First, you are greeted with a profuse shower of welcoming smiles which contributes to the warmth and light-heartedness in the air. Even throughout the entire country, you can sense that feeling when you are served with undivided attention from the staff. At around Carnival time, "the greatest show

on earth", this sensation is felt in a different perspective. While we are having fun and "freeing-up", we also have that sense of oneness and unity.

Unity is one of Trinidad and Tobago's major qualities that we possess. This feature is what keeps our country running. Though we may fight politically against each other, and there is a hint of racism, we nevertheless come together as one at special celebrations and festivals. For example, at around carnival time, all fights and conflicts that are going on, will soon be forgotten and we will just have fun together.

Having fun, to Trinbagonians, means going out with friends; talking, playing games, eating and drinking, and just spending time with each other. Another example is when we celebrate different public holidays such as Divali and Eid, no matter our different religions, we somehow come together and be one people.

Our multicultural society also contributes to the fact that we are united. Unlike certain other countries, we know how to put aside all our differences and realise that we all live in the same place despite all our differences. For example, in other countries, there are wars and disputes just

because a different race of people enters their territory, legally. In Trinidad, we don't discriminate against other races or religion and this is very important to keep a country strong. This starts from way back, long time ago when African slaves were brought here. Soon after, East Indian immigrants were here and then more and more other kinds of people were brought here. Though there were many differences the people learned to live together as one family.

Clearly, the most important lesson that we can show the world is how to unite despite differences. Trinidad is a perfect example of this. So, come see for yourself what a truly inspiring country this can be.