Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCID) and the president of the University, the MOU was signed to enhance the relationship between the two institutions.

President of the Barbados Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCII), Edna Acie and Principal of UWI Cave Hill Campus, Professor Eudene Barritt, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) yesterday, to renew the relationship of the two institutions.

"The MOU represents the continuation of the relationship between our institutions in an effort to improve the services offered to the public. In my view, this MOU will set the basis for improved collaboration between the Chamber and the UWI, in the areas, which will be of benefit to the business community and the state-holders of the UWI," he pointed out.

Professor Barritt welcomed the opportunity to renew the MOU with the private sector. She recalled that historically, Cave Hill Campus' engagement with the private sector has embraced a number of the pillars of the MOU.

The Principal highlighted that they have conducted research with businesses to optimize their operations, jointly hosted workshop and seminars that have gone beyond mere scanning of the business environment, and which have in fact yielded greater organisational awareness and insights that have fastened business reengineering and remarkable growth strategies; and students have benefited from internships.

"From what I have outlined, you can clearly see that partnerships between the University and the corporate sector are not only organic, dynamic relations, but have borne fruit through the years," she expressed.

"We want to strengthen this partnership and ensure that it is mutually more beneficial. The University possesses knowledge and skills that we know can be transformative for the corporate sector. We are placing our considerable and proven expertise to directly benefit the private sector and the wider society," TL.

agricultural products should be supplied to supermarkets

His comments came during the opening ceremony of a BAS and CCIA training seminar titled "Good Agricultural Practices", which was held at the Redesso Aquatics Resort yesterday morning. Paul revealed that yesterday's workshop was the first of ten seminars that they expect to host.

He acknowledged that farmers generally had problems increasing their supply and maintaining an increased supply of products to the markets, and explained that the reason for having these workshops was strictly to assist them in their problem areas.

"What we are trying to do is emphasize the best practices in the industry. There is a problem in terms of consistency from farmers in maintaining this level of consistency that supermarkets need," he said.

He explained that addressing these consistency and quantity issues would help farmers have an important, as he believed that the farmers had the ability to supply the markets with products, which would decrease the food import bill.

"We have to export foreign exchange. As you are well aware, the country is importing too much of what it needs. The problem is that we do not have enough in this country to produce these products. There's nothing, except a few rare products that we can do not produce," he said.

Paul announced that the BAS would be making a selection of particular farmers in which they planned to demonstrate the things taught in the training seminar. He described this selection process as making an investment in the future of agriculture.

Additionally, the CEO expressed that he also wished to see an increase in the production of commodities. He noted that it was important that the country could not just produce goods and keep them under the wrappings of agro-business unless the farmers were adequately trained.

"At the end of the ten workshops, participants would be thoroughly trained in every aspect.

Mental and physical health tied to Internet safety

INTERNET safety is important to one's physical and mental health, advises Pan America Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Representative for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean, Dr. Godfrey Rowe.

Addressing secondary school students yesterday as the organisation's headquarters during a seminar on Internet safety, he highlighted the impact of cyber bullying, noting that this was leading to suicide rates and drug use.

He warned the students against using technology for negative purposes, pointing out that there were consequences for such actions, and that even when correspondence was deleted, it was never truly gone from the Internet.

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