

## Gathering of Athletes and Ceremony of Award of Shield for Excellence

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from 9hr 00 to 15hr 30 – Pointe Jérôme Youth Training Center

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The Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports (TFES) organised the Gathering of Athletes and Ceremony of Award of Shield for Excellence on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Pointe Jérôme Youth Training Center. The objective of the Ceremony of Award of Shield for Excellence was to reward athletes who have performed brilliantly in sports and studies during the year 2022.

In his speech, The Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports & Recreation, Mr. Jean Christophe Stephan Toussaint expressed his immense satisfaction on the good performances recorded by our athletes in several sports events held this year.

The Minister took this opportunity to congratulate the Mauritian athletes for their outstanding performance during the CJSOI Games 2022 and the Commonwealth Games 2022.

He encouraged young athletes to keep up with sports by stating that he was committed to support them in order to get the best results. He urged athletes to make use of the facilities provided by the Ministry to prepare for the upcoming sports events. He explained that the government was catering for different platforms and facilities which would enable young athletes make new achievements. The Minister stated that the “Shield of Excellence” was one such initiative which encourages athletes to continuously improve their performances in sports and studies.



The Chairperson of the Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports, Mr. Marie Joseph Ramsamy, gave a brief presentation of the programmes run by the TFES.

He stated the new measures that had been implemented by the TFES this year to ensure that all athletes were well supported.

The Chairperson congratulated all young athletes who have successfully integrated the TFES programmes and stated that athletes should continuously train so as to achieve excellence.

The Shields for Excellence were awarded to badminton player Julien Paul and to judoka Christianne Legentil for their brilliant performances recorded during the year.

Both athletes stated that they were proud to be beneficiaries of the TFES and were grateful to the Ministry and TFES for the support that they have been provided along their career.

Each athlete was rewarded with a cash prize of Rs 25,000.



Following the award ceremony, all athletes were invited to participate in several activities.

A warm-up session was organised to prepare the athletes for the activities which included Cycling, Stand Up Paddle, Kayak, Dragon Boat and a speedboat tour around Iles Aux Aigrettes.



All athletes received a sweater, a T-Shirt and a sports back pack as gifts from the TFES.

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