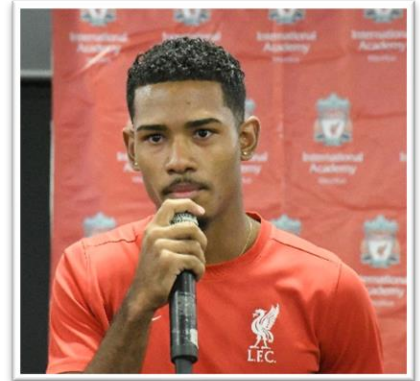


Signature of Agreement and Remittance of cheque to Loïc Thomas, Football player from the Liverpool Football Club International Academy (LFCIA)

3rd July 2023 at Cote d'Or National Sports Complex.

A ceremony was held by the Liverpool Football Club International Academy (LFCIA), falling under the aegis of the Mauritius Multisport Infrastructure Limited (MMIL) in collaboration with the Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports (TFES) on Monday, 3rd July 2023 at the Côte d'Or National Sports Complex.

The ceremony was organised in connection with the scholarship offered by the TFES to Mr Thomas Loïc, a young football player to enable him to pursue for his further studies in Human Resource Management at the Jones Junior College located in Mississippi, USA



The ceremony was graced by the presence of the Hon. Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation (MYESR), Mr Jean Pierre Sauzier, the Chairperson of the Mauritius Multisport Infrastructure Limited (MMIL), Mr Kumar Cheetamun, the Chairperson of the Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports (TFES), and Mr Neil Murphy, the Head Coach of the LFCIA.

Mr Sauzier opened the ceremony with a special word of thanks to the head coach of the LFCIA and his dedicated team for the outstanding performances produced since its creation.

He said that the LFCIA has proven to be very effective as several young footballers have obtained the opportunity to represent Mauritius at the international level as well as to integrate well-known football clubs abroad.



Mr Sauzier encouraged more young football players to make use of the facilities provided to them. He finally thanked the Minister for his support and the Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports for the scholarship offered to Mr Loïc Thomas.



Hon. Toussaint stated:

"This is a golden opportunity which is opening for all other athletes in the field of combining sports and studies. I am very happy that the LFCIA is becoming fruitful and thus giving young football players the opportunity to study abroad."

Hon. Stephan Toussaint expressed his immense satisfaction on the brilliant performances of football players training at the LFCIA. He congratulated the family of Mr Loïc Thomas as well as the head coach of the LFCIA. He explained that the Cote d'Or National Sports Complex is producing good results in the sports sector whereby the High Performance Center is playing a key role.

Mr Cheetamun thanked the Minister and the Permanent Secretary of the MYESR for all of the supports that are being provided to the TFES to achieve its objectives.

Mr Cheetamun stated:

“I take this opportunity to reassure all stakeholders that the TFES will work towards its mandate for the benefit of young athletes in Mauritius and Rodrigues”



Mr Cheetamun also elaborated briefly on his recent visit to Rodrigues.

He said that the main objective was to follow up TFES programs in Rodrigues and to study the possibility of integrating more sport disciplines such as basketball, handball, volleyball and weightlifting.



Mr Cheetamun also stated:

“Loïc Thomas is a role model for young athletes and I hope that many athletes follow his steps to make the Mauritius sport proud.”

The ceremony followed with the signature of an agreement between the MMIL, the TFES and Mr Loïc Thomas after which a cheque was remitted to the football player.

Mr Loïc Thomas shared a few words with audience before thanking his parents, his coach and everyone who have always supported him.

