



TTPost recognized the achievements of three (3) young people, who have secured the top places in the Corporation's National Letter Writing Competition 2011.

Each year, the UPU International Bureau chooses a theme and encourages postal agencies to participate by organizing the competition at the national level through the national postal operator. The winner of the competition in each participating country is then submitted for the international competition. The theme given for the 2011 competition was: **"Imagine you are a tree living in a forest. Write a letter to someone to explain why it is important to protect forests"**. This theme coincides with the International Year of Forests, which is being celebrated this year.

TTPost held its national competition earlier this year which was opened to young people aged 15 and under. This initiative was supported and approved by the Ministry of Education. As such, we were allowed to disseminate the invitation flyers to over 130 public and private schools across Trinidad and Tobago.

The Corporation received more than 150 entries from schools across Trinidad and Tobago.

We then approached the University of the West Indies for assistance in assessing the compositions. We were fortunate to secure the expertise of lecturers from the faculty of Languages, who assisted in selecting 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The criteria used for the assessment was:

- ✓ Capturing the Theme – 40 points
- ✓ Grammar – 40 points
- ✓ Essay construction 20 points

Placing 3rd in the competition, from Presentation College, Chaguanas, is 15 year old **Marcus Wei**.

In 2nd place was 11 year old **Tia Guerra** of ASJA Primary School in Princes Town.

The first position in TTPost's National Letter Writing Competition went to 14 year old, **Aruna Mahadeo**, of Naparima Girls High School in San Fernando.

Aruna's winning composition was entered in the International leg of the competition. We are pleased to announce that Aruna was awarded '1st Mention, (equivalent to 4th place), in the international competition.

We at TTPost would like to congratulate Aruna on behalf of the Universal Postal Union.

