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Donation of PCs at Centre of Learning – Beau-Bassin

Port-Louis: The ICT Authority has responded to a call for social inclusion. This was the very purpose of the donation of four (4) personal computers at Centre of Learning, Beau-Bassin, which took place yesterday 19 January 2023.

Pursuant to Section 16(a) of the ICT Act, the Authority has as mandate *‘to democratise access to information taking into account the quality, diversity and plurality in the choice of services available through the use of information and communication technologies.’*

The PCs donated by the Authority to the Centre of Learning will be used for the introduction of new courses related to emerging technologies such as 3D modelling and Artificial Intelligence. Access to such technologies would help beneficiaries to reskill themselves and acquire new competencies in view of increasing their employability and hence curb poverty.

For the Chairman of the ICT Authority, Me Dick Ng Sui Wa, *“this is the beginning of a partnership with the Centre of learning.”* The President of the Management Board-Centre of Learning, Mr Melwyn Madelon, on his part stated that *“The youth, despite their social condition, needs access to state-of-the-art technology.”*

The Centre of Learning which exists since 2003 is located in Cité Barkly, Beau-Bassin. The Centre operates since 2008 under the responsibility of Caritas Mauritius and delivers courses in the fields of IT, music, ecology, sports and arts.

We recall that the Authority had, in June 2022, also donated IT equipment to SOS Children’s Village of Bambous and earlier in September 2020 to Association Père Laval des Sans-Abri. In November 2021, the Authority also extended assistance to a 20-year-old girl who had become paraplegic following an accident. The Authority provided a laptop in view of facilitating her access to online classes and pursue her studies.

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