

The Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board recently concluded its Pesticide Awareness Programme in Secondary Schools with an Awards Ceremony held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012. This year's program targeted 12 selected schools in six administrative regions, namely 2, 3,4,5,6 and 10.

Schools were tasked with establishing a Pesticides Awareness Corner in their schools, which is expected to provide a wealth of information to all students about the Board as well as pesticides, their use, hazards, benefits etc. Materials to develop the corners were provided by the Board, with schools expecting to add their own bit of creativity.

This approach of targeting students enhances awareness for the proper use, storage and an overall better understanding of how pesticides work. The selected schools were very innovative in their displays of their respective corner. Nine of the selected schools completed the exercise and developed very informative corners in the schools. Six schools were awarded consolation prizes in the form of Book Certificates valued \$20,000.00 each. The selected books are expected to strengthen Agriculture Science Programs in schools.

The 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners each received Trophies and Farming equipment valuing \$300,000.00. Presidents College claimed 1<sup>st</sup> Place while Anna Regina Secondary and Black Bush Polder Secondary were adjudged 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. The Board will be executing this awareness programme annually targeting more schools countrywide.



1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, Presidents College, Anna Regina and Black Bush Polder Secondary



Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture Presenting the first place trophy to Presidents College



Chairman of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board, Dr. Leslie Monroe addressing the gathering



Presidents College Students with Trophy and other prizes