

Another World title for TTO mile quartet

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While our size may not have made Trinidad and Tobago favourites in Japan, our stature as World Champions in the mile relay certainly gave the competitors something to consider. Supported in their journey to the host nation of the next Olympic Games with financial assistance from SporTT in the amount of TT \$372,250.00, #TeamTTO would have been relaxed and confident ahead of the event. At the presentation on 2 May, NAAA TT General Secretary Dexter Voisin expressed thanks for the contribution from government, and confirmed the team's excitement to get back to competition, and to winning ways.

The 4x400m team, in earning TTO's first gold medal at the World Relays, also set a World Leading time of 3:00.84 and beat three-time winners USA into second place. Despite the anchor's desperate dive at the finish line, Team USA was subsequently disqualified for a lane violation. The race bodes well for Trinidad and Tobago's chances of medalling in this event at Tokyo 2020, with all hoping for an improvement on the Tokyo 1964 Bronze medal in mile relay.

Trinidad and Tobago was also represented at the World Relays by the Women's 4x100m team (Kamaria Durant, Michelle-Lee Ahye, Reyare Thomas, Semoy Hackett) that achieved a SB of 43.67.

SporTT congratulates all the athletes and officials on their efforts and looks forward to the rest of the athletics season in the lead up to the next Olympic Games in Tokyo.