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31st July 2018... Long-serving High Commission Employee Retires

The High Commission bid farewell to Minister-Counsellor Althea Vanderpoole Banahene who officially retired from the Antigua and Barbuda Foreign Service at the end of July 2018. Mrs Banahene served with distinction at the High Commission for over 25 years and is the only officer to have worked under every High Commissioner to date. During her tenure, she has worked in several capacities and has on more than one occasion filled the role of Acting High Commissioner.

Mrs Banahene brought her elegance and intellect to the many and varied duties of the High Commission. She had a special gift for engaging with members of the Antigua and Barbuda diaspora in the United Kingdom and it is a certainty that many of those nationals who have interacted with her over the years will miss her presence at the High Commission.

Mrs Banahene has trained many persons who passed through the High Commission including existing staff in several key areas including consular matters and protocol. Speaking of her retirement, High Commissioner Hill stated: "Mrs Banahene exemplified professionalism in the conduct of her daily duties. I will always remember her sage advice and in-depth knowledge of diplomatic protocols and nuances developed over many years of exposure to the workings of the foreign service. She greatly assisted my transition into the foreign service and I will endeavour to maintain the high standards she set in deportment and professionalism".

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda wishes Mrs Banahene an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda.

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