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8th UWI St Augustine Principal inducted

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Education Minister Anthony Garcia has extended congratulations and well-wishes to the new principal of the University of the West Indies (UWI) St Augustine campus.

Professor Brian Copeland, who took up duties last year, was formally installed during an induction ceremony at the university on Saturday night.

Speaking at the ceremony, Garcia hailed Prof Copeland's contributions as an educator and in the development of the electronic steel pan. "One cannot speak about Prof Copeland without mentioning the steel pan," Garcia added.

"His involvement is well-known in the development of the G pan and the PHI (Percussive Harmonic Instrument)."

Garcia noted that Prof Copeland had worked his way through the teaching profession, serving as a research assistant, teaching assistant, lecturer, senior lecturer and professor of electrical and computer engineering.

Garcia also lauded Prof Copeland for his role in introducing a number of new programmes and courses at UWI.

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"We are here to celebrate someone who has dedicated virtually his entire working life to the teaching profession – an educator par excellence," he said.

Garcia said the government would continue to work with the university and Prof Copeland to chart a way forward.

Prof Copeland is the 8th principal of the St Augustine campus, having replaced Prof Clement Sankat who retired in 2016.

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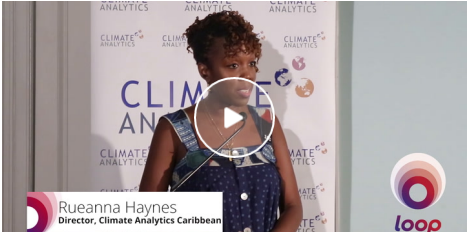
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