

T&T's visual effects whiz delivers lecture

Central Bank Governor Dr Alvin Hilaire hosted the Dr Rudranath Capildeo Lecture at the bank's auditorium, St Vincent Street, Port-of-Spain on July 7.

Feature speaker Professor Anil Kokaram delivered a presentation titled, Understanding the Technology of Digital Video and Its Impact on Everyday Life.

Prof Kokaram spoke about the history of cinema and explained the basics of digital video. He also gave an introduction to film post-production, film restoration, pervasiveness of video in the modern era and the possibilities of future applications.

Kokaram studied Engineering at Cambridge University and is credited for revolutionising the post-production process in movies.

His work with post-production software algorithms has made the visual effects possible in popular films which include, X-Men, The Lord of the Rings, Spider-Man, King Kong and the Matrix.

This work led to his Science and Engineering Academy Award for the development of visual effects software for the film industry in 2007.

Prof Kokaram is a senior lecturer at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. He has lectured on the invitation of Microsoft, Google, Adobe Systems and various motion picture industry technical associations.

He has designed a course on digital video processing which enabled students of **UWI** to complete their graduate and postgraduate degrees jointly at **UWI** and Trinity College.