

# Land Registry to be digitised

An agreement has been signed between the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs and the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus to begin digitisation of the National Land Registry.

The \$4.8 million contract with **UWI** is the first phase of a larger Strengthened Information Management System of the Registrar General's Department Project (SIMRGD). Funded through an Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) loan, the ultimate

goal of the project is to improve property registration processes, with a view to enhancing the investment climate in T&T.

The digitisation project was described by Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Faris Al-Rawi as "the backbone that will transform our economy," as he underlined the importance of the Registrar General's Department's records in documenting births, deaths, businesses, marriages and property transactions.

Present at the signing were Al-Rawi, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, Professor Brian Copeland, permanent secretary of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs Ingrid Seerattan, Registrar General Karen Bridgewater, **UWI** project director Dr Jacob Opadeyi and other key staff members from the ministry and **UWI**.