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Professor Andrew Jupiter received a BSc in Natural Sciences and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Petroleum Engineering from the University of the West Indies (UWI) and also holds a

Masters of Engineering Degree in Mineral Engineering Management from The Pennsylvania State University.

Professor Jupiter served as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries from 1998 to 2004. Prior to this appointment, he held several senior positions at the Ministry, including Senior Petroleum Engineer, Director – Operations and Director – Energy Planning.

Starting as the Vice President of Business Development, Professor Jupiter first joined the National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy) in 2004. He then served as President from 2009 to 2012.

In addition to these posts, Professor Jupiter held the position of Director on several state boards, and led the government's team in its initiative to provide several African countries with technical guidance in the development of their respective petroleum sectors. He is currently attached to the Department of Chemical Engineering at UWI, is the holder of the Trinidad and Tobago Methanol Company (TTMC) Chair in Petroleum Engineering, and serves as an Energy Consultant. In September 2015, Professor Jupiter was appointed a Board Member of The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) and Chairman of the Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (Petrotrin).

Throughout his career, Mr. Jupiter was awarded by multiple associations, notably the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPETT), and was conferred the honorary title of 'Distinguished Fellow' by UWI in 2013.

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Maxi drivers receive rebate cheques from Gov't. Courtesy Trinidad Express Newspaper.



SIGNING UP: Linus Phillip, centre, president of the Route Two Maxi-Taxi Association, assists maxi owners in signing documents after they received their rebate cheques yesterday at the Ministry of Works and Transport on Richmond Street, Port of Spain. From left are Datreydeo Singh and Desmond Guevara. —Photo: KERWIN PIERRE

10 more maxi drivers receive rebate cheques

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POOR management and sporadic incidents of crime at City Gate, Port of Spain, are two of the major grouses plaguing maxi-taxi operators.

Linus Phillip, president of the Route Two Maxi-Taxi Association, shared these concerns after ten maxi-taxi drivers received incentive rebates at the Ministry of Works and Transport, Port of Spain, yesterday.

Minister Fitzgerald Hinds failed to turn up, so communications officer John Victor distributed the cheques

of the travelling public.

Asked about the rebates, Phillip said: "It started in 2005 as an incentive for operators to buy big units. Since April, the Association has been fighting to get its rebate. There are still about 150 gentlemen to get paid. The process has somewhat stalled. We need to get some information from Ministry of Transport for Ministry of Finance. They sent a list since January and they have not received it. We need to know what is the hold back."

"Some of the men are disappointed about their cheques. Drivers who are maxi registered up to December 31 will qualify. As you know, the Government is looking to

cheques.

To date, about 300 operators out of a total of 450 have received rebates.

Among the ten yesterday were Melvin Boyce, Desmond Guevara, Henry Howard, Hayden Matthew, Selwyn Mitchell, Donovan Mohammed, Albert Phillip, Datreydeo Singh, Garth Sinnette and Hugh Windsor.

The rebates, which are limited to 25-seat maxi-taxi operators, ranged from \$75,000 to about \$110,000.

The 15-seater maxis cost about \$320,000, while the 18- to 25-seaters fetch about \$650,000. The vehicles service about 75 to 80 per cent

know, the Government is looking to convert to CNG (compressed natural gas), so they will put more effort on CNG people, but we welcome it. Better late than never," he added.

Asked about the speed limit on the Priority Bus Route (PBR), Phillip added: "I would not like to drive at 65 in some areas. When you cross Morvant Junction, you are not going to drive at 65km. I would recommend 75km to 80km."

On any increase in fares, Phillip said: "We have been monitoring them. We will make a decision on how we deal with it. There might be a proposal we might put out to the businessmen."

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