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Parliament Channel wins the inaugural
Telecommunications Broadcasting Industry (TBI) Award for Local Content!

The Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago has copped the inaugural Telecommunications Broadcasting Industry (TBI) Award for Local Content! The award was presented at the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago's (TBI) Awards and Employee Long Service Awards and Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Saturday 7th December, to mark the Authority's 15th Anniversary.

The award for Local Content was open to broadcasters offering a channel or station that currently broadcasts local content. The judges looked at how this endeavour to increase the amount of local content of all genres in a variety of programmes helps to transform the national media-scape and how it promotes the local creative industry. The Parliament Channel began broadcasting in 2006 and has since amassed over 450 locally-produced programmes broadcast 24/7 on the channel along with sittings of the House of Representatives, the Senate and Committee meetings, and also available on demand on our youtube channel. The Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago is also the only Parliament in the region that owns and operates a television station.

The Parliament Channel has previously won three awards at the Caribbean Broadcasting Awards… in 2016… Best Television Documentary for The West Indies at War which looks at the contribution of Caribbean soldiers in World War I to the push for independence, as well as the award for Responsible Coverage of Children's Issues for I Count, which explains how young people can become involved in the voting process; and in 2017 we won the award for Best Television Documentary for The Vote at 70 which marked 70 years since the introduction of Universal Adult Suffrage in 1946.

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