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### MINISTER BALBORDA CONGRATULATES THE MDC WITH 60 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

Minister Earl Balborda has congratulated the Meteorological Department Curaçao, since it was 60 years ago on June 15 that this service was established to render important services to our community.

The Meteorological Department Curaçao is a service that resorts under the Ministry of Traffic, Transport and Urban Planning and it is part of the Sector of Traffic and Transport. This ministry resorts under Minister Earl Balborda.

In 1953, the Governor of the Netherlands Antilles officially installed a Meteorological Service.

The Meteorological Department Curaçao, better known as Meteo in the local community, is doing much more than only monitoring our weather and issuing weather bulletins for the community. Meteo is the service that recently issued an important bulletin to explain what exactly occurred on the day that a significant part of our country felt a light earthquake.

Besides this, Meteo is supplying information to the aviation sector, like

1. local weather information of the airport, to prepare for all flights that take off from and land at Curaçao Airport and also for the planes that fly through our air space and
2. flight documentation, so the pilot knows how the weather will be during his/her flight. This way, the flight will be as safe and as efficient as possible.



*Part of the Meteo Curaçao personnel*

Meteo is also giving valuable information about sea conditions at and near the ports of Curaçao, so that vessels can travel in a safe way. It also issues information for all marine interests in our country.

Climatology, which is the task of collecting and analyzing historic meteorological data, is also a task of Meteo. This information is used to create official reports for among others insurance companies and the police. These agencies use this information in their investigations.

Besides that, Meteo is creating scenarios that give a view on how the future climate in our country will be, keeping into account the global climate change, so that this will contribute to a sustainable development of our country. An example of this feature is that the global temperature is expected to rise and that people have to take this into account so that we can plan on how much our future power consumption is going to be.

These tasks are done in the framework of international treaties of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and also the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

This is just a brief view on all the work that is being done on a daily basis at Meteo. For more information about these and other services of Meteo, the people of Curaçao can visit the web site <http://www.meteo.an>. Meteo can also be followed on Facebook through "Meteo Curaçao."

The people of Curaçao can follow the developments of Minister Balborda through his Facebook page at "Earl W. Balborda, Minister VVRP."

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