

Cooperation and Cooperation and Emergency Architects Canada

Completion of its program on local capacity-building in paraseismic engineering and risk prevention in relation to natural disasters in Haiti.

Cooperation and Emergency Architects Canada (CEA) is proud to announce the completion of its program on local capacity-building in paraseismic construction and risk prevention in relation to natural disasters, provided to Haitian architects and engineers responsible for justice and local and national public security infrastructures.

Thanks to funding from the Government of Canada, via the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force, better known as START, Cooperation and Emergency Architects Canada, in partnership with Ingénieurs Sans Frontières Québec (ISFQ), has provided, since March, 2011, thirteen weeks of training in earthquake-resistant engineering, construction project management, quality control of materials and computer-assisted design to 31 engineers and architects working for the Haitian government. The program, delivered by eight Canadian and Haitian experts, is recognized by the Ordre des architectes du Québec (OAQ).

A graduation ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 10 a.m., at the SWAT base of the Haitian National Police (PNH) to recognize the professionalism and the commitment of these experts to the improvement of the public services of their country.

The ceremony will be chaired by a Group of Honour, including the His Excellency Henri-Paul Normandin, Ambassador of Canada to Haiti, Mario Andresol, Managing Director of the Haitian National Police Force, and Haitian and Canadian senior officials. On the same occasion, the officials will inaugurate a projects office for the engineers and architects.

Solidarity-based cooperation must necessarily incorporate the sharing of knowledge and skills such as is evidenced in the following testimonial by Regala Singet, project trained engineer:



"In this respect, from among our friends who have come to our assistance, we wish to give a special mention to Canada, owing to its courageous representatives, and particularly, Cooperation and Emergency Architects Canada, which has instilled in us essential notions in paraseismic engineering and construction project management. Accordingly, on behalf of the Haitian Republic, on behalf of all of the engineers and architects present here today and on my own behalf, I offer my deepest thanks to the Government of Canada and to the Canadian people for this invaluable gift, which we, as beneficiaries, will use to better serve the reconstruction process in our country."

This program will contribute, over the coming years, to strengthening the Haitian State and creating safe and sustainable public spaces.