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MoECST and IDB Tour Itz'at STEAM Academy

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Today, a delegation led by Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST); Dr. Hon. Louis Zabaneh, Minister of State in MoECST; and Dr. Ilan Goldfajn, President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toured the construction site of the Itz'at STEAM Academy in Belize City.

The delegation had the opportunity to learn about the physical infrastructure of the institution as well as its teaching approaches, areas of focus, and identity.

The Itz'at STEAM Academy is an initiative of the MoECST to provide a new, transformative secondary school education for students in Belize. Developed in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the IDB, the Itz'at STEAM Academy aims to prepare students for careers and further study in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The institution will have a modern science lab, digital media studio, and maker space.

Itz'at will open its doors to a cohort of 75 first form students in September 2023. That number will grow over time to a total capacity of 300 students by 2026. The school will be located on a campus shared with the ITVET.

For more information, including how to apply, please visit www.itzat.edu.bz

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