

Keep up the good work, SJPI told

MORE TECHNICALLY TRAINED workers are needed in Barbados, and consultant manager to the Competency-Based Training Fund, Anderson Lowe, says the Samuel Jackman Prescod Institute of Technology (SJPI) has a vital role to play in achieving that goal.

He made the point while speaking at the SJPI during a 50th anniversary Renaming Of Rooms ceremony yesterday.

“And this partnership was designed to support a better alignment of training with the

ELECTRONICS and servicing technology student Keon Payne testing the new soundboard as owners of A & B Music Supplies, Norman and Amy Barrow, look on.

demand of the market, by creating a demand-driven training and educational system. And under this system, partnerships between employers and the training institution can place Barbadian workers in specific occupational areas in demand,” Lowe said.

He congratulated the SJPI, formerly the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic, on its name change and



encouraged officials to continue to strive to train more people.

“Having been a polytechnic for so long, the name change is most welcome but we expect more; perhaps the University of Technology, but we

can’t wait another 50 years to have that,” he added.

He also revealed that as a result of the fund’s relationship with the SJPI, they were able to link with key businesses to help the institute improve flagship programmes.

These included garment technology, live

ULLYETT’S WORKSHOP manager Geoffrey Ulyett (left) and president of Lenstec, Ian Hickling, unveiling the plaque at the entrance of the Computer Numerical Control. (Pictures by Reco Moore.)

sound engineering, fibre optics, and computer numerical control – otherwise known as computer-aided manufacturing. The room and programme upgrades came

at a cost of \$2 million.

The businesses involved included Digicel/Actavo, A&B Music Supplies, Ulyett’s Machine Shop Service and Lenstec. (TG)



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