

Economic Seminar

The Organisation hosted another successful seminar on the Jamaican Economy on May 13 at the Hilton Kingston Hotel. Led by IDB's Lead Research Economist, Dr. Eduardo Fernandez-Arias, all the presenters are to be commended for their meaningful contribution to this annual event. The presentations focused on the Jamaican economy in 1998 and 1999, lessons to be learned from the Brazilian crisis and Building Capital Markets within the Caribbean, among other issues.

ECONOMIC REPORT

The Organisation's "Annual Report on the Jamaican Economy 1998" was published in the first half of May. Complimentary copies of this very popular publication were given to participants in the PSOJ's Seminar on the Economy (May 13) as well as all PSOJ members. Additional copies are available from the Secretariat at a cost of \$600.00 each.

Moses Committee

PSOJ President Peter Moses accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to chair a Committee charged with the responsibility of a) reviewing the proposed gas tax and b) considering a possible rollback. The Committee members, undaunted by this important national assignment, rose to the challenge and were able to successfully complete the task within the specified time frame. As a result, the country benefited from a 44% rollback in this tax. The Committee did almost all of its work here at the PSOJ and was supported in its work by the staff of the Secretariat and the Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee. Congratulations to all who were members of the committee or who supported their work in any way.

Seminar For Students



This outreach project continued in May with Adolph Palmer, Research Economist at the PSOJ, "talking economics" with A'Level students from Kingston College and the Queen's School. The final seminar in this series will be held in June.

President Goes Visiting

President Peter Moses, accompanied by JEA President Karl James recently visited Dynamic Packaging Limited. This was the first in a series of visits which the PSOJ President plans to make to small and medium size company members. For the President, it was "a most useful experience" and it provided him with an opportunity to hear directly from one of his members about the challenges being faced by that company. Thanks to Dynamic Packaging Limited's Michael Campbell and Mark Myers for graciously accommodating the PSOJ team!

PUBLICATIONS



The following publications are now available at the PSOJ Secretariat for your perusal:

- International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO's "Selective Bibliography of Published Market Reports (1998)"
- The WTO's "The Results of the Uruguay Round" (558 pages)