

JCC BACK!

The entire PSOJ family welcomes the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce back into the membership of the PSOJ. The JCC officially rejoined the Organisation on Wednesday, November 3. Now the PSOJ is indeed representative of a united Jamaican private sector!

Congratulations!

Heartiest congratulations to newly elected Jamaica Chamber of Commerce President Anthony Chang. It is our sincere hope that he will have a successful tenure as leader of that Organisation. We look forward to greater cooperation between the JCC and the PSOJ as we serve the business community together.

Publications

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

- Draft Proposal for A Construction Industry Policy
- Information on UNEP's International Photographic Competition on the Environment.



PRESIDENT GOES VISITING

On October 13, PSOJ President Peter Moses visited another of the Organisation's members: Digital Transtec Ltd.'s President Lorna Green. Ms. Green shared with the PSOJ team, which included Vice President Richard Coe and Executive Director Charles Ross, her views of the Organisation and the direction in which she would like to see it go. She also pledged to play a more active role in the PSOJ.

MEMBERSHIP GET-TOGETHER



Despite the inclement weather, the sub-committee of the Membership Committee was delighted with the number of PSOJ members who braved the heavy rains to "meet with the Movers and mingle with the Shakers". Thanks to all who supported this event in any way i.e. through their participation and or sponsorship. The Membership Committee is to be commended for organizing this successful event. The next Membership Get-Together is tentatively planned for January 2000.

Meeting with the Prime Minister

The Working Groups, established as a result of all-day discussions between the Government (led by the Prime Minister) and the private sector (led by PSOJ President Peter Moses) at the beginning of September, should have handed in their reports at the end of September. The next step is for the Prime Minister and Mr. Moses to review the reports and to come up with a mutually agreed on action plan. The Secretariat will keep you updated on developments in these issues (interest rates and customs duty evasion) which are critical to the business sector.

NEW LOCATION

Have you been trying to find the Jamaica Institute of Bankers? The Institute has been relocated to 39 Hope Road, Kingston 10 i.e. in the same building as the Secretariats for the PSOJ, the Jamaica U-Drive Association (JUDA) and the Jamaica Bankers Association (JBA)!



BIOTECHNOLOGY SEMINAR

The Biotechnology Centre (UWI) in collaboration with the OAS will be hosting a two-day seminar on "Prospects of Biotechnology and Biodiversity for the Caribbean Agro-Industry". This will be held November 29-30, 1999 and will feature scientists from Barbados, Trinidad, Guyana, Cuba, Mexico, Jamaica and the USA. Details are available from the Biotechnology Centre.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Minister of Commerce & Technology, the Hon. Phillip Paulwell, met with PSOJ members to brief them on the new telecommunications arrangements and to answer any question/concerns they had re investment opportunities, etc. This was held on October 27 at the Terra Nova Hotel.

PSOJ DIARIES

The PSOJ's Year 2000 Executive Diaries should be available at the end of this month. Have you ordered yours as yet? If not, don't delay! Avoid being disappointed!!

What's Ahead!

- November 18 Membership Breakfast
Venue: Terra Nova Hotel
Speaker: Dr. David Brizan
- November 25 Annual General Meeting
Venue: Terra Nova Hotel
- December 1 Past President's Dinner
Venue: Hilton Kingston Hotel

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