

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Organisation's Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, November 25 at the Terra Nova Hotel. Two important features of this event were the election of some new members to the PSOI Council and the address by the Hon. Dr. Omar Davies, Minister of Finance and Planning. The Minister stated that he had resolved to take a more conciliatory and co-operating stance in his future relations with the private sector.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Jeffrey Hall and Grace Pensions Management Ltd. who received their PSOI Membership Certi-ficates at the Membership Breakfast held on November 18 at the Terra Nova Hotel.

FREE OFFICE SPACE

Are you interested in investing in or exporting to Japan? Are you looking for office space there? If your answer is 'yes' to both questions, the Business Support Center (BSC) of the Japan External Organisation (JETRO) is offering free office space, for a limited stay, to Jamaican Businessmen/women. Details are available from the PSOJ Secretariat.

CONTEXTUAL MANAGEMENT

That was the focus of the presentation made by Dr. David Brizan, Guest Speaker at the PSOJ's Membership Breakfast held on November 18 at the -Terra Nova Hotel. Dr. Brizan showed how this concept contributed to the successful turnaround of several Caribbean companies and how same was now being implemented at the Caribbean Cement Company.

PRESIDENT GOES



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President Peter Moses, accompanied by SBAJ President Cheryl Phillips and PSOJ Executive Director Charles Ross, paid a visit to PSOI Company Member Coates Brothers Ia. Ltd. on November 9. The PSOI Team had an interesting meeting with the CEO, Dr. Austin Greaves, who compared this Jamaican company with its Trinidadian counterpart and the challenges of making the Jamaican operation a viable one.

PSOJ 2000 DIARIES

These should be available by the end of November. Have you ordered yours as yet? If not, contact the PSOI Secretariat immediately and avoid being disappointed!

TRAINING

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) is inviting applications for an international training course on ISO 14000 Environmental Management Systems. This will be held March 6 - April 7, 2000 in Stockholm, Sweden. Details available

from the **PSOI** Secretariat.



Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Beverley Lopez who was elected President of the Jamaica Exporter's Association. Thanks to outgoing President Mr. Karl James for his leadership of that Association and his contribution to the PSOI.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The PSOJ Secretariat has information on the following conferences:

- 5th Barbados Information Service Conference to be held March 13-16, 2000 at the Sherbourne Centre in Barbados.
- Trade and Investment Convention 2000 to be held *March 13-16*, 2000 at the Hilton Hotel in Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- "Doing Business With Canada" Seminar, organized by the Canadian High Commission, to be held *January* 19, 2000, here in Jamaica.

What's Ahead! December 13 Dinner of Appreciation in honour of Messrs, Clifton Cameron and Richard Coe Venue: Le Meridien Jamaica Pegasus Hotel Time: 7:00 p.m. December 16 **PSOJ** Council Meeting (Election of Executive Committee) Venue: PSOJ Conference Room Time: 4:00 p.m.

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