



ECONOMIC SEMINAR

The PSOJ's annual Economic Seminar continues to be an important event for the Secretariat and leaders of the private sector. This year's event was held on Tuesday, June 20 at Le Meridien Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. The focus of the seminar was the Jamaican economy as well as established and emerging markets in the Caribbean. Seminar participants, based on the feedback received to date, found that presentations and discussions were stimulating and provided a basis for meaningful interaction between themselves and the presenters. Mr. Richard Fletcher, Principal Advisor in the Budget and Strategic Planning Department at the Inter-American Development Bank, was among the distinguished panel of speakers who addressed issues such as the Washington Consensus, international mutual funds, the future of e-business, a scenario for a Caribbean future, the economy and a growth agenda for Jamaica. The Secretariat wishes to thank all who supported this event through their sponsorship (Digital Transtec Ltd., Guardian Life and PricewaterhouseCoopers) and their participation.

Caribbean Court of Justice

A wide cross-section of Jamaicans participated in the special forum on the Caribbean Court of Justice which was organized by the PSOJ and held on June 12 at the Terra Nova Hotel. Those in attendance heard arguments in favour of and against the Caribbean Court of Appeal from the Honourable Anthony Hylton, Minister of Foreign Trade and Mr. Derek Jones, President of the Jamaican Bar Association, respectively. These presentations were followed by a lively round of questions and answers. Our sincere appreciation to the Terra Nova Hotel, KLAS FM and TVJ for their contributions to this event.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR SBAJ

Mrs. Andrea Graham of Annie Gee's Fashions is the new President of the Small Businesses Association of Jamaica (SBAJ), replacing Mrs. Cheryl Phillips. As President, Mrs. Graham will be the official representative of her Association on the PSOJ's Executive Committee and Council. The PSOJ family extends a warm welcome to her and looks forward to her contribution to the work and activities of this Organisation. Our sincere appreciation goes to Mrs. Cheryl Phillips, Immediate Past President, for her support of the PSOJ.

ACS BUSINESS FORUM

The First Business Forum of the Association of Caribbean States, which was originally scheduled for May 2000, has been postponed to October 5-6 in Caracas, Venezuela. A copy of the draft programme is available at the PSOJ Secretariat. Persons interested in participating in this event should inform this Secretariat so that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade can be advised accordingly.



GUYEXPO '00

Guyana's Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry (MTTI), in collaboration with the Guyana Office for Investment (Go-Invest), will be hosting GuyExpo'00 during the period August 24-27 at the National Exhibition Centre in Georgetown, Guyana. This trade and investment exposition, which is held every two years, will feature a variety of products, with emphasis on the Eco-Tourism and Agro-Processing industries. In addition, there will be seminars on investing in Guyana and related issues. Interested persons/companies should contact the GuyExpo '00 Secretariat at 592-2-74346/56164 (tel) or 592-2-63400 (fax).

HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are being invited for the 2001-2002 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program. These fellowships will provide mid-career professionals from developing countries with an opportunity for study and related practical professional experiences in the USA. Additional information is available from the PSOJ Secretariat. Interested persons should collect application forms from the Office of Public Affairs at the US Embassy, at the Mutual Life Building (South Tower) on Oxford Road in Kingston. Completed application forms must arrive in the Office of Public Affairs by Friday, September 8, 2000.

CRIME STOP

- Thanks to Sprint for entering into a new Cause Marketing Campaign with Crime Stop for the three-month period April-June. As a result, Crime Stop will receive \$150,000 each month from Sprint.
- Only eleven (11) illegal guns have been seized during the first five months of the current Reward for Guns Campaign, but calls in response to the campaign have "picked up" considerably in the last month.

NEW COMPANIES ACT

The discussions on this Bill have been suspended until after the completion of the budget and sectoral debates. As this is an important piece of legislation, the PSOJ's sub-committee, headed by Mark Golding (DB&G), will put on a seminar for the Organisation's members which will provide an opportunity for them to fully understand the implications of this Act when it is passed into law.

What's Ahead!

To be confirmed - MEMBERSHIP
GET-TOGETHER
Venue: PSOJ Secretariat
Time: 5:00 p.m.

August 17 - MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
Venue : To be confirmed
Time: 12:00 p.m.

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