

Congratulations!

Congratulations to PSOJ President Peter Moses who was recently conferred with the Order of Distinction Commander Class for his outstanding contribution to the private sector. Mr. Moses' conferral was announced in the Independence Honours List.

INTERESTED?

The Office of Public Affairs in the U.S. Embassy has sent to the PSOJ Secretariat a copy of its "Information USA CDROM". This is an authoritative resource for those seeking information about US policies, American society, culture and political processes.

Also available:

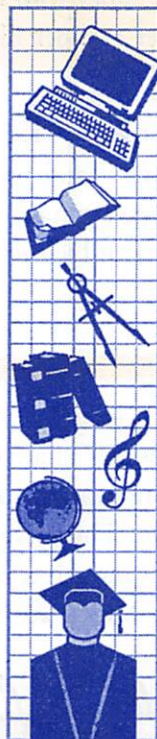
- Details of the 87th Chinese Commodities Export Fair which was held April 15-26.
- Information on how to work with the Inter-American Investment Corporation which offers financing for private enterprise, preferably small and medium in scale.
- Information on the Hemispheric Seminar on Measurement in Global Trade which will be held

September
27-28 in
Ocho Rios.



Education Committee

The PSOJ's Education Committee was recently revived under the chairmanship of the Jamaica Institute of Bankers' Greta Bogues. The Committee is currently reviewing the Green Paper on Education and will submit its recommendations to the Government as soon as this exercise has been completed. The green paper is intended to set the policy direction for the next five years or so, but the targets that it has set seem to be quite inadequate.



ACS BUSINESS FORUM

The new date for this event is October 19-20, 2000 and will be held on Margarita Island in Venezuela. An initiative undertaken by the ACS Special Committee on Trade Development and External Relations, this seminar will provide a forum for consolidating a wider economic space for trade and investment. Details are available from the PSOJ Secretariat. Persons wishing to participate in this seminar should advise the PSOJ so that this information can be passed on to JAMPRO by September 20.

FLEXI HOURS

This important issue of a flexible work week is now being discussed by a special Commission which has been set up by the Prime Minister. The Commission is chaired by Ministry of Labour's Permanent Secretary Tony Irons and has representatives from the private sector, trade unions and the government. JEF's President Dr. Neville Ying heads the private sector team which includes JMA President Clarence Clarke and JCC President Anthony Chang. The Commission is to make its recommendations to the Government for its consideration.

VISIT TO EML

In continuation of his round of visits to members of the PSOJ, the Organisation's President visited Managing Director Richard Causewell at his company, Equipment Maintenance Ltd. on August 22. The visit was a pleasant and useful one as our President received a first hand report of some of the problems affecting companies in the importing and distributing sectors. They are being affected by criminal activities of both an overt and covert nature.

Messrs. Peter Melhado and Charles Ross accompanied the President on this visit.

NEW JMA PRESIDENT

The PSOJ family welcomes Mr. Clarence Clarke as the new President of the Jamaica Manufacturers Association. He replaces Mr. Sameer Younis and is therefore the JMA's representative on the PSOJ's Executive Committee and Council.

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to the President of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Anthony Chang, who recently lost his mother. She passed away after a short illness.

Diary Orders

The PSOJ Secretariat is now accepting orders for the Organisation's new and improved 2001 Executive Diaries and Fillers. Don't delay in sending in your order or you might be disappointed. The Diaries should be available in early November.

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PSOJ President Peter Moses and other members of the Organisation attended the first "follow-up" meeting to review the progress being made by the relevant Ministries and agencies in the tasks assigned to them. The private sector team noted that work was being done though a number of deadlines had been extended since the MOU was signed.

What's Ahead!

- September 14 - PSOJ Membership Luncheon
Venue: Hilton Kingston Hotel
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker - Dr. Nigel Clarke,
Managing Director,
Caribbean Equity Partners Ltd.
- September 16 - Council Meeting
Venue: PSOJ Secretariat
Time: 4:00 p.m.
- October - PSOJ/Credit Information Bureau
Seminar on Credit/Collection

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