

PAST EVENTS

WTO/KICK OFF TR@DE NET

The PSOJ Secretariat hosted the International Trade Centre's Kick - Off Meeting Re: World Tr@de Net' on April 5-6 2001. The UNCTAD / WTO's ITC is the focal point in the United Nations system for technical cooperation with developing countries in trade promotion and was created by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1964 and since 1968 has been operated jointly by the WTO and the UN, the latter acting through the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). As an executing agency of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), ITC is directly responsible for implementing UNDP-financed projects in developing countries and economies in transition with the aim of expanding the countries'

exports and improving import operations. With a clear business perspective on the WTO agreements and their implications, "World Tr@de Net" information keeps the business communities in developing countries and transitional economies up to date on the evolving world trading system.

The seminar's presenters were Ambassador Anthony Hill, Consultant, ITC and Mr. Peter Naray, Senior Advisor on the Multilateral Trading System, ITC. Business persons who participated in the seminar included Senator Douglas Orane, Chief Executive Officer, Grace Kennedy & Co. Ltd. and Mr. James Moss-Solomon, Director, Corporate Affairs, Grace, Kennedy & Co. Ltd.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Our first membership luncheon for 2001 was held on March 22, in the salubrious setting of the Devonshire Restaurant, Devon House. New members were handed membership certificates by President, Peter Moses while Mr. Lucien Deer, recipient of the PSOJ Bursary for the year 2000, was presented with his certificate by Mr. William Clarke, President, Jamaica Bankers Association.

Keynote address was given by Dr. Anthony Harriott, Lecturer, who suggested new methods of reducing Jamaica's spiraling crime rate.

MAY 16, HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

On May 16, 2001, our Annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held at Le Meridien Jamaica Pegasus during which Hon. Maurice Facey, its latest inductee, was honoured for his outstanding entrepreneurial contribution to the Jamaican Private Sector. In his thank you address, Mr. Facey spoke of his dedication to Jamaica and the need to take calculated risks while doing business, while Mr Bruce Birmingham, President, Scotiabank who was the keynote speaker, spoke highly of Mr. Facey's involvement as a key member of Scotiabank's Board of Directors. Special guests included the Governor- General Sir Howard Cooke and Lady Cooke and Canadian Acting High Commissioner Brian O' Connor.

MEDIA LUNCHEON

On April 26, the PSOJ hosted a luncheon which was attended by senior editors of Jamaica's major media houses, including the Gleaner, the Jamaica Observer, the Herald and CVM TV. President Peter Moses informed of the latest initiatives of the PSOJ including its participation in deliberations re: the soon to be passed Companies Act. The president also updated the editors on the latest in the MOU.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY 2002-2003 FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship allows Jamaican professionals and administrators an opportunity to spend one year at an American university to enhance their professional competence through study and related practical professional experiences. Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates who are committed to public service in both the public and private sectors, in the fields of communications/journalism, natural resources and environmental management, public policy analysis and public administration among others. Nominations should be received by the US Embassy's Senior Cultural Exchanges Coordinator by September 7, 2001 who may be contacted at 935-6007 or 935-6053 for more information. Website: <http://usembassy.state.gov/kingston> gives additional information.

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DIRECTORS' PROGRAMME — IMPROVING BOARD PERFORMANCE

This development workshop which is geared towards chairmen, directors and board members of private and state enterprises will be held on August 27-31, 2001 in Dublin, Ireland. It seeks to clarify the roles and responsibilities or

organisation's boards and management, recognizing that board members have training and development needs that are distinct from those of managers. Please contact PSOJ at 927-6238 for additional information.

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CABLE & WIRELESS' HORIZON TECHNOLOGY SHOW

C&W Jamaica will be hosting its annual technology showcase, Horizon Technology from August 13-15 under the theme 'Beyond the Horizon' and will showcase new and future cutting-edge technologies designed to improve business efficiency. Please fax Renee Service (C&W) at (876) 929-0323 for more information.

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CARIBBEAN GIFT & CRAFT SHOW 2001

The Caribbean Export Development Agency will be staging the 8th Annual Caribbean Gift and Craft Show at the Sherbourne Conference Centre in Barbados from September 20-23, 2001. Buyers and participants will view the finest handicraft and gift items produced by skilled Caribbean artisans. WWW.carib-export.com gives further information.

ENACT TRAINING

The Environmental Action Programme (ENACT) presents its series of training seminars called the Business Advantage: An Essential Training Seminar for small, medium and large companies. Topics include competitive challenges posed by FTAA and Post Lome agreements; ISO 14001, Green Globe and new air, trade, effluent and sewage regulations. Companies will be able to identify new business opportunities present in recent agreements and be able to benchmark competitive techniques.

Island wide training will take place as follows:

Mandeville -

September 17, 2001

Montego Bay -

September 18, 2001

Kingston -

September 20 & 21, 2001

Participation is free; however there are scholarship places assigned by sector provided for participants. Allocation will be on a 'first come first served' basis.

Please contact the Registrar, Management Institute for National Development (MIND) at 927-1761 or e-mail registrar@mind.edu.jm for further information or to make reservations.