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Celebrating 45 Years of Advocacy, Outreach & a Unified Mission



The JMMB Group extends hearty congratulations to the management and staff of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) on the occasion of its 45th anniversary.

Your over four decades of sterling service in representing the interest of the Jamaican business community and rallying your membership to make a positive impact on our nation, has not gone unnoticed.

Your continued role in influencing policy to stimulate the development and growth of the island's private sector, remains of paramount importance.

Many happy returns on this most significant milestone.



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST HON. SIR PATRICK ALLEN ON, GCMG, CD, KST.J THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL



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ince 1976, the Private Sector Organization Jamaica (PSOJ) has advanced its mission of effectively advocating "for the implementation of public policy that enables strong sustainable On this celebration of your Happy 45th Anniversary!

growth and development." This is evidenced by your leading role in championing causes COVID-19 recovery efforts.

underscoring your critical role in national development. It is as a result of your Organization's advocacy and meaningful representation of private sector groups that members are able to benefit from trade agreements, technical resources and facilities while they achieve maximum before, we must place the good productivity. These efforts of our nation above all else. serve to support the work of the Government and civil society groups in equipping Jamaica to achieve its Vision 2030 goals.

private sector-led economic 45th anniversary, I commend your continued commitment to responsibility, particularly in critical to education, agriculture, supporting initiatives such the health, business and people E-Commerce National Delivery development, in addition to Solution (ENDS), Crime Stop and the PSOJ COVID-19 Jamaica Jamaica's private sector covers is a testament to your vision of numerous industries and unification in our shared efforts employs a significant portion to make Jamaica the place of of the country's labour force, choice to "live, work, raise families and do business"

> As you continue to put your advocacy into action, I encourage you to carry on your response Jamaicans. More critically than

> Continue to be exemplars of what we can achieve together through people, partnership and



Congratulations on your

Anniversary

Continue to be a pillar of strength and support to Jamaica.

Sagicor Group Jamaica salutes the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica for 45 years of unwavering service to the Jamaican people. For almost five decades, the organisation has worked alongside the public sector to ensure the maintenance of the country's stability as we move towards development and has provided meaningful representation to the diverse entities within its membership.



MESSAGE FROM THE MOST HON. ANDREW HOLNESS, ON, PC, MP PRIME MINISTER



THE MOST HON. ANDREW HOLNESS, ON, PC, MP PRIME **MINISTER**

The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) has played **L** an integral role in the socio economic growth of Jamaica for for sustainable development, the PSOJ promotes the practice of good corporate governance in the private sector and exemplifies best practices for all sectors. In this regard, I am pleased to extend congratulations to the PSOJ as it celebrates 45 years of effectively advocating for the implementation of public policy to enable a strong and sustainable private sector-led

economic growth and development.

Since the 1970s, the PSOJ has made significant contributions to national development by formulating and promoting a macroeconomic policy The Government extends sincere framework to achieve high rates gratitude to the PSOJ for its of sustained economic growth through strategic investments. job creation and promoting security forces, local government, competitive and productive private sector cooperation.

political, social, or economic nature to facilitate business development and growth. Since its inception, I am proud that the philanthropic the PSOJ has made positive steps toward the official adoption of the market economy as the most appropriate framework for the country's long-term development. to raise

I commend the leadership and staff for the strategic expertise used to guide the PSOJ to strengthen the Organisation's ability to advocate on behalf of its members decades. As a major driving force and capitalise on the benefits of to areas that need it the most. international trade agreements and social security.

> As the world grapples with the Covid-19 pandemic, the PSOJ members to right fit organisation and influence other integral service delivery to address the pandemic. The Organisation

has also been a key partner in promoting vaccination islandwide as a means of returning the country to full productivity and prosperity.

outstanding contribution to several sectors in Jamaica including the education, and the medical and health sector by raising \$150Million to support the Government with Indeed, the PSOJ has sought to the purchasing of ventilators in influence national policy issues of a response to the COVID19 pandemic

> spirit of the PSOJ is effervescent as the Organization collaborates with charities to form the Jamaica Response Fund in partnership

> J\$200Million that has impacted over 83,000 Jamaicans by mitigating the threats associated

> with the pandemic by distributing food packages and health services

As the PSOJ celebrates 45 years of unifying voice of the private sector, I implore all stakeholders to continue working in partnership continues to lead in guiding its with the public sector and civil society, to achieve vision 2030 for Jamaica to be the place of choice sectors, improve its systems and to live, work, raise families and do

MESSAGE FROM MARK J. GOLDING, MP LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION



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The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) has achieved 45 years of operations, and I wish to

members on reaching this milestone. on Jamaica's Vision 2030. With this Happy Anniversary!

in ensuring that companies, corporate partners and individual members look beyond the interests Our democracy is strengthened of their individual firms and when all sectors of society are contribute meaningfully to national development. Over the past several of the best interests of Jamaica, fairly months, many of your members and courageously encouraging our for your valuable service to Jamaica.

The PSOJ has as its core the goal of being a unifying voice for the private sector. Its approach in pursuing this vision has been constructive. working in tandem with the public

congratulate the PSOJ and all its sector and civil society to deliver enlightened approach, it is generally accepted that the PSOJ occupies The PSOJ has been steadfast an important space in our national

engaged in public affairs in pursuit have played an important role in leaders adhere to the laws of the fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. land and their commitments made For the PSOJ's commitment to to the public. The PSOJ aspires to this critical national task, and its execute this important role with innovative approach to collective great commitment and efficacy, action, I salute you and thank you which is the source of its benign influence on our body politic.

> Happy 45th Anniversary to the PSOJ!

MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE AUDLEY SHAW, CD, MP MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT AND COMMERCE



HON. AUDLEY SHAW, CD, MP MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT AND COMMERCE

Investment and Commerce of the Jamaican economy. commends your role in enhancing the Jamaican business I would especially like to commend landscape as the premier umbrella the organization for its considerable group for private sector associations, support to the national effort to corporate companies and individuals over the past four and a half decades.

issues of national policy of a Jamaica Response Fund and the political, social or economic nature in keeping with your mission E-Commerce National Delivery to effectively advocate for the implementation of public policy that enable approved service industries enables strong, sustainable private and delivery stakeholders registered sector led economic growth and on the platform to operate in development are commendable and specified curfew hours. has helped to shape many industries I commend the management, staff The Ministry of Industry, Investment and executive officers of the PSOJ and Commerce also applauds the for their dedication and hard work successful execution of the Crime and your over 350 members for their Stop programme which has contribution to job creation and the established a partnership between

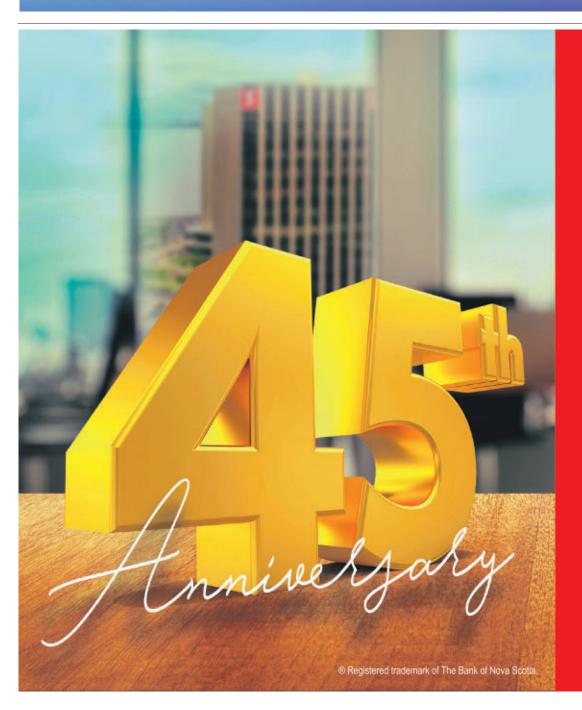
The Ministry of Industry, economic growth and development

address the current challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Of note, is the Your tireless effort to influence establishment of the PSOJ COVID-19 development and execution of the Solution (ENDs) programme to

the community, the police and the media to involve the public in the fight against crime. Many criminals have been brought to justice through your efforts.

The MIIC pledges our support to our continued collaborative efforts to harness opportunities for the growth and development of the Jamaican economy. Your work has shown that you are committed to building a competitive and productive private sector and we look forward to our continued collaboration and more private public partnerships as we work together to develop strategies to overcome the current challenges and recover stronger and faster.

Again, my heartiest congratulations on the achievement of this significant milestone, your 45th Anniversary.



Well done, **PSOJ!**

Scotiabank Jamaica congratulates The Private Sector Organization of Jamaica on 45 years of service to Jamaican businesses, organizations and associations.

You have demonstrated that we truly are stronger together. Your efforts have elevated the business landscape and galvanised support for scores of critical issues and worthwhile causes.

Kudos to 45 years of excellent service.

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MESSAGE FROM KEITH DUNCAN, PSOJ PRESIDENT



Keith Duncan, PSOJ President

t is a special year for us as the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica celebrates its 45th anniversary.

The founding fathers of the Organisation envisioned several key objectives for the PSOJ including advocating on behalf of its members, act as the unifying voice for the private sector as well as to co-ordinate the

nineteenth president of this impactful Vaccine Initiative (PSVI). Organisation and to maintain the tradition of transformational excellence Perhaps more importantly, the at a national level.

various standing committees. Your contribution is invaluable and this milestone was realized because of your work as you are the heartbeat of the

the past, we look ahead to the future Organisation on our members and and the role the Organisation will play in shaping a Jamaica that we are all proud to call home.

Our 45th year has been underscored by the looming presence of a pandemic that has provided unprecedented engendering growth and development challenges but simultaneously has in Jamaica. demonstrated the power of the PSOJ

resources within the private sector network through collaborative and with specific emphasis on economic solution oriented national projects development. Successive presidents such as the PSOJ COVID19 Response have been committed to this mission Fund, E-Commerce National Delivery and it is my honour to serve as the Solution (ENDS) and the Private Sector

pandemic has demonstrated that the nation is capable of realizing sustainable I give my heartfelt gratitude to the socioeconomic transformation and members who serve tireless on creating an equitable society through our Council, Executive and on our public, private and civil sector partnership.

The PSOJ is happy to have played a part in these projects especially during such a significant time for us. It reinforces the importance and As we reflect on the achievements of tremendous positive impact of the more broadly on Jamaica.

> We celebrate this anniversary and resolve to continue to proactively play a part in developing an environment that is beneficial to businesses while

MESSAGE FROM IMEGA BREESE MCNAB PSOJ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Imega Breese McNab PSOJ **Executive Director**

made an indelible impact through impactful discourse and action on a wide array of subject matters.

Our members are at the core of who we are; whether they are small, medium or large corporate companies. associations or individuals, each of our the engine of the accomplishments of with all our valued members and to relevance in an ever-evolving global strive to create even more synergies environment while continuing to for the advancement of commerce, positively contribute to the growth social issues and national development. and development of Jamaica

Among our most important assets is With Continued Commitment, the well qualified and dedicated staff. The PSOJ Secretariat has been an Imega Breese McNab important factor in the longevity of

If we take a moment to assess the Organisation and various teams the Organisation's contribution lead by previous Executive Directors to business and the country in have remained committed to delivering general since its inception in 1976, it the highest quality service that makes is undeniable that The Private Sector the PSOJ the membership organisation Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) has of choice for over 300 companies, become a national institution and has individuals and associations islandwide.

> I am extremely proud to be a part of this strong membership association.

Having joined the team as Executive Director in this the Organisation's 45th vear I am even more excited about members through the years has been our outlook for an equally impactful future. I stand ready to continue to to continue our strategic engagement its transformation to maintain

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THE IMPORTANCE OF MINIMAL CRIME TO A STABLE ECONOMY

Sandra A. C. Glasgow, Chairperson, National Crime Prevention Fund and Chief Executive Officer of The PSOJ, 2007-2013

he National Crime Prevention incidents per 100,000 people. Fund (NCPF), commonly known for-profit, charitable organisation in Jamaica remain a public health that offers a confidential conduit for Jamaicans to anonymously share information on criminal activities are not in school, who are in conflict within their communities. Crime Stop with the law, are unemployed and/ is a tripartite partnership between or not participating in any training the private sector, the Jamaica programme, comprise approximately Constabulary Force (JCF) and the

As a past Chief Executive Officer Jamaica. of The PSOJ and a long-standing member of the Board of the NCPF, I am proud to lead a 13-member Board of Directors, comprising 7 females and 6 males, including representatives of the media, the Jamaica Constabulary Force, and the private sector. Sixteen private sector associations are Trustees of Crime Stop.

Crime has been Jamaica's biggest issue that has plagued the country against crime. for decades. In 2020 Jamaica had the highest rate of homicide - 46.5 Over the years, Crime Stop's media our country.

as Crime Stop Jamaica, is a not- High levels of crime and violence challenge despite the plethora of social interventions implemented. Youth who 30% of the total youth population, and are the primary perpetrators and victims of the most violent crimes in

Fighting the scourge of crime and violence is not only the job of the Police. There is an urgent need for increased citizen co-operation in the fight against crime and violence. One way to accomplish this, our Board believes is through a nationwide campaign, targeting youths especially, appealing for persons to "Stand for Jamaica", take back the country and and most scaring identifier. It is an become silent heroes in the fight

campaigns have had limited successes in recruiting confidential informants, providing valuable tips to the JCF, and offering monetary rewards to tipsters. However, one of Crime Stop's proudest achievements is that over its 31 years of existence, no informant has ever been compromised.

That is why, with the support of many of the PSOJ's members, the NCPF raised \$28M in 2021 to develop and execute a multi-media campaign which featured several social media influencers and, through multiple channels, reached the demographic that we believe, can help to eradicate Jamaica's long-standing 'informer fi dead' culture, by re-representing what it means to be a good citizen.

The health of Jamaica's economy is ultimately a reflection of the wellbeing of each of its citizens. Crime Stop and its partners continue to work in earnest to improve the well-being of all Jamaicans through our efforts to supporting the reduction of crime in

INNOVATION & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Christopher Reckord

"Never let a good crisis go to same. waste" I don't know for sure who actual said it first, be it Rahm Emanuel in the USA recession of 2008 or Sir Winston Churchill in the mid-1940s near the end of department in the business. World War ll, but the statement has been a wake up call to businesses globally seeking to innovate digitally and transform this covid-19 pandemic.

Digital Transformation (DT) in any organization is, surprisingly to many, less about the technology and a lot more about the people is all about change, Digital Transformation is also all that everyone supports the need service delivery. for the change we propose as long as it has nothing to do with them. Is it for everyone?

resources and support to deliver - (3)Transformation

The Leadership must understand that this is not a project for the IT department or any one

decision will require major your strategy. companywide change above the negative headwinds of it will be necessary for the culture of the company to shift to embrace, among other things, an ongoing continuous improvement process touching all areas of the business. The major areas that must be top of mind and a key and their mindset. Innovation part of the strategy must include leveraging digital to enhance and improve the customer journey, about change and what we as employee engagement, operations practitioners can all agree on is optimization and product and

The most senior leadership of In a recent presentation PSOJ's any organization must be fully Let's Go Digital Conference, I committed to and agree on a proposed highly simplified MSME "digital strategy" for the business Digital Transformation Roadmap: and provide their teams with the (1) Realization – (2) Digitalization

is that moment when you notice is realized when the organization that during lockdowns, only your competitors who are more digitally advanced were still open technology to enhance and for business and thriving. In this This digital transformation stage you define your "Why", and

their operations in order rise management practices because In step 2 Digitalization - this is where you do a deep dive into vour business to review what can be digitally transformed. For some it will mean some changes to the business model for sure, for most, not so much. A basic starting point is to go through the business and identify all the niggling challenges that currently exist and digitize those. For example, how does your staff engage with the HR department? is that mainly still a manual process with forms to be filled out? - Digitize that. What about the accounts department? Do your internal approval processes still require something to be printed and brought to a manager or two **Email any questions to chris.** for a signature? - Digitize that. Are **reckord@ttech.com.jm** you still issuing paper invoices?

Simply put, Step 1 - Realization Step 3 - (Digital) Transformation leverages and successfully maximize the value of this new improve the customer journey, employee engagement, operations optimization and product and service delivery.

> Remember Innovation & Digital transformation is more of a "people thing" than a "technology thing". Leadership of the business MUST be involved every step of

> Christopher Reckord is Committee Chairman, PSOJ Innovation & Digital Transformation; CEO of Managed IT services provider tTech Limited. He has over 30 vears of experience helping organizations of varying sizes procure and implement information Technology solutions and transform digitally.



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The PSOJ's commitment over the years to the country's private sector associations, companies and individuals has significantly enabled and facilitated business development and growth through its influence on various national policy issues.

As a proud member, we are happy to be associated with such a prestigious organization and look forward to our continued partnership.

Congratulations on this significant milestone. Here's to another 45 years!



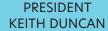




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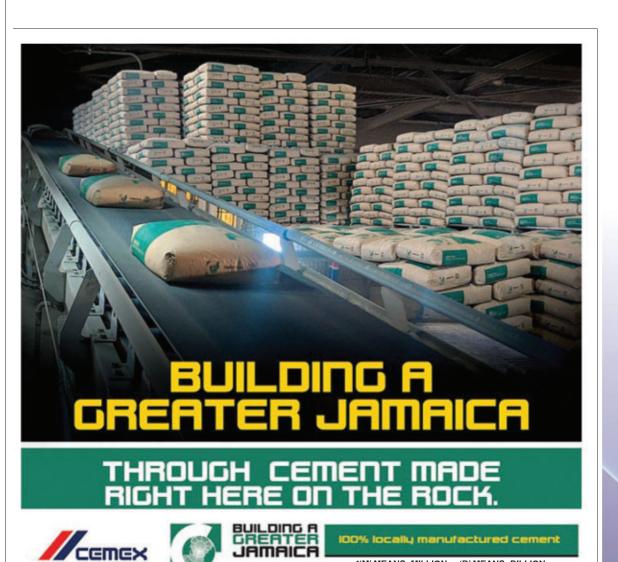
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We are **committed** to continue our **strategic** engagement with all our valued members and to strive to create even more synergies for the advancement of commerce, social issues and national development.

> - Imega Breese McNab PSOJ **Executive Director**

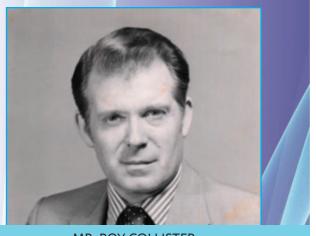
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Successive presidents have been committed to this mission and it is my honour to serve as the nineteenth president of this impactful Organisation and to maintain the tradition of transformational excellence at a national

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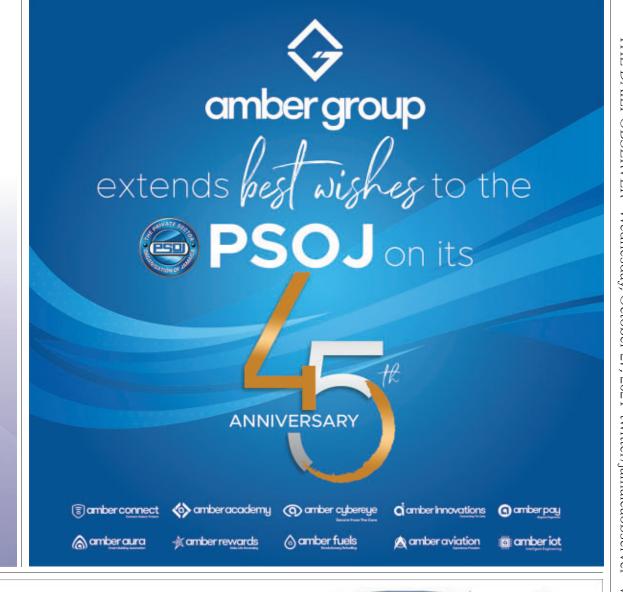
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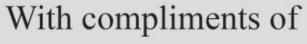
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- Keith Duncan, PSOJ President

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PSVI PUTTING VACCINES TO WORK!

n March 10, 2020 Jamaica recorded the first case of COVID-19 infection. On March 10, 2021 the Ministry of Health and Wellness began implementing its vaccination programme.

Throughout all the phases of the COVID-19 pandemic the private sector and indeed the PSOJ, has played the role of collaborator, connecting and mobilising stakeholders in the fight to protect lives and livelihoods from the social and economic devastations brought on by the virus.

It was this same spirit of collaboration that spurred the leaders of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, The Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters Association and the Private Sector Organisation, to embark upon the establishment of a mechanism to support the Ministry's national vaccination plan.

The mechanism was named the Private Sector Vaccine Initiative, PSVI, and in March when it began it was clear that its set purpose was to accelerate the pace and penetration of vaccines across the island and support the MoHW's drive toward population immunity - which was target of inoculating 65% of the Jamaican population by March 2022.

The team, with Chris Zacca chairing the oversight committee; Peter Melhado chairing the logistics and operations committee; Tarun to help make it happen.

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We got our jab! PSVI Vax Day at JP Foods in St. Mary.

Handa heading up the Finance committee and Keith Duncan helming communication and public education, set out immediately to mobilise the leaders across all sectors to share dependents, active participation in the vision and to enlist the support the education and assurances of

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Central to the plans were the commitment of companies to pay for the vaccination of staff and work teams about vaccine safety and efficacy as well

as contribution the vaccination centres set up by the Ministry across the island. Together with medical facilities within Associations' were prepared to contribute teams vaccinated.

to supporting increased vaccination capacity

islandwide the PSVI championed by Chris Zacca as far expressed: one that identified "the vaccination

bring back jobs to

families and communities that were hard hit by the pandemic."

In a matter of months the Initiative had contributed in excess of \$25m to the effort including the purchase of 400 tablets that the MoHW uses in its vaccination centres to support registration and data management of inventory and quarterbacking the development items to support of the Health Records Management platform funded by UNICEF.

On July 29, acting as a vaccination agent of the MoHW, the PSVI vaccinated its first 1100 private the utilisation sector employees and dependents of established in its Vaccination programme. Eight weeks later the vaccinated number 20, and personnel 213. Thirty-four companies, spread the across 9 parishes, hosted Vax Days at their office locations and more than network that 300 used the fixed site on Waterloo Road in St. Andrew to get their work

The engagement with the private sector in March is keeping steady pace up to now, much to the satisfaction of the logistics lead, Peter Melhado, who in commenting on the vaccination a plan, described numbers the initiative has logged so

"We are very pleased with the responses we are getting from the as the clear private sector, which has contributed and significant to the progress we are making with pathway for us to our programme. We have a ways to return economic go yet, but this milestone, in just about activities to levels two months, is an encouraging sign.

PSOJ AND PSVI JOIN HELPING HANDS TO VACCINATE THE PRIVATE SECTOR



FLOW staff members show off the PSVI message on VAX Day.



Staff Members from Television Jamaica brandish the PSVI vaccination message after getting their jab!



PSVI Wisyinco Blitz.



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Team member for Kingston Freeport Terminal brandishes the PSVI Vaccination Programme message during the Vax Day on the Port.



We got vaxxed! This corporate team shows off their vaccination cards after getting the jab at the PSVI



Wisynco Team Members participating in the vaccination blitz.



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Through our shared corporate vision of a prosperous Jamaica, the PSOJ has placed sharp focus on advocating and leading the development of business and innovation into the digital future.

Congratulations on this big occasion, and many wishes for your future success!



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