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On Saturday, 8th September, 2012, the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce hosted the Quarterly Meeting of the parish-based Chambers of Commerce and the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce at the Versailles Hotel on the outskirts of May Pen, Clarendon. Following the meeting a Luncheon was held. Guest speaker at the luncheon was Giorgio Valentini, head of the World Bank's operations in Jamaica.

The World Bank representative spoke to an attentive audience of Chamber of Commerce members from locations as diverse as Negril and St. Thomas – and the many parishes in between - of “the partnership of the World Bank Group with the people of Jamaica in identifying practical solutions to unlock the great potential of the island”.



Mr. Valentini painted an intriguing picture of Jamaica in ten years time being a world-class hub for logistics operations, high value manufacturing and financial and health services, as well as efficient ICT & Energy services and discussed the practical steps that need to be taken to achieve that outcome. The meeting also bade farewell to outgoing JCC President Milton Samuda, who was hailed by the various Chamber Presidents in attendance for his commitment to ensuring a constant dialogue within the national chamber movement.

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The Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC) in Association with the Eisenhower Fellows in Jamaica, the Jamaica America Friendship Association (JAFA), and the Kingston Restoration Company Limited (KRC) will celebrate:

Eisenhower Day of Fellowship Luncheon

With Special Guest Speaker: Mr. Dan Flinter, one of Ireland's most distinguished sons.

***12:30 p.m. - Friday, October 12, 2012 - Wyndham Kingston Hotel
Theme: "Job Creation for Urban Regeneration"***

Registration will be required. Please contact the JCC Secretariat at Tel: 922-0150 for form.

REMEMBER!**JCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****Tuesday, September 25, 2012****10:30a.m. - Knutsford Court Hotel**

Members are encouraged to get involved with the work of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce... Contact any member of the Executive, Board of Directors or the Secretariat, to indicate your interest to volunteer and participate in one of JCCs many Committees, whose work is a benefit to all members and the business community at large...

11th ANNUAL CUSTOMS SEMINAR**Thursday, September 27th, 2012****Wyndham Hotel, Kingston –****Ballroom 1****2:00 p.m.**

The seminar will feature presentations by Commissioner of Customs, Major Richard Reese; Port Operators; One Stop Shop; Custom Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association of Jamaica; Jamaica Society of Custom Brokers; Statistical Institute of Jamaica; and Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency.

We aim to apprise importers, exporters and the wider business community of import and clearance arrangements in place, ahead of the expected busy pre-Christmas and Christmas season. **Registration is required.**

For further information, or to Register please contact Thasya Chin-Fletcher at the JCC Secretariat Tel: (876) 922-0150 or email info@jamaicachamber.org.jm

Our Colleagues - Jamaica Exporters' Association (JEA) - has asked that we share the following event information with you...

BREAKFAST FORUM

‘Global Perspective on Trade and Export Opportunities for Jamaican Firms’

GUEST SPEAKER: Mrs. Patricia Francis, Executive Director, International Trade Centre

DATE: Wednesday, September 26, 2012

TIME: 7:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

VENUE: Knutsford Court Hotel, Ruthven Road, Kingston 10

COST: \$3,500 per person (inclusive of tax)

For a Reservation Form or for further information, please contact the JEA Attention: Sophia Elliott or Novelet Hussey at Tel: 960-4908 or 968-5812.

For more information, or to register for upcoming events please contact:

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