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CARICOM/COSTA RICA & CARICOM/CUBA TRADE AGREEMENTS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade has advised that the CARICOM/Costa Rica and CARICOM/Cuba Trade Agreements have been gazetted and the duty free access of goods imported into Jamaica under these Agreements will now be automatically applied by Jamaica Customs.

Exports from Jamaica will also have duty free entry into these two countries in accordance with the provisions of the Agreements. This is also to be applied automatically by the Customs Authority in both Costa Rica and Cuba. Jamaica Customs has the responsibility of ensuring that goods entering Jamaica duty free meet the Rules of Origin requirements in accordance with the relevant provisions of both Agreements.

Please inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade at Tel: (876) 926-4220 - 8 if you counter any problems exporting to Costa Rica and Cuba.

JCC TO PARTICIPATE IN CUBA TRADE MISSION - APRIL 20-24, 2015

JCC President Warren McDonald will take part in a four day trade mission to Cuba from April 20 - 24, 2015. The Honourable G. Anthony Hylton, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce will be leading the delegation including JAMPRO, EXIM Bank and private sector companies in a range of industries, who will be exploring market opportunities for the sale of Jamaican goods and services and the scope for joint ventures in Cuba, and for the sale of Cuban products and services to Jamaica.

During the mission the JCC will sign a Cooperation Agreement with the Cuban Chamber of Commerce, which will facilitate our scope for further business linkages.

The mission was initiated by JAMPRO who has embarked on a market development programme for Cuba which encompasses market intelligence gathering, relationship building with key Cuban stakeholders and inward and outward trade missions. These trade initiatives are aimed at building on the foundation cemented with Cuba over the years, and also to help manufacturers break into the Cuban market. The most recent activities have been participation in the November 2014 FIHAV Trade Show in Havana and JAMPRO's Exporting to Cuba Workshop held February 4, 2015.

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A strong dose of the future

Submitted by: James Moss-Solomon, CD, JCC Past President - April 5, 2015

The whirlwind tour by President Barack Obama was a most refreshing encounter, and one that was both inspirational and instructive. It was 22 hours well spent, and Jamaica and CARICOM are the better for the visit. I will try to encapsulate my perspectives in an ascending order:

- Marcus Garvey: This is a strongly emotional issue, but needs to be seen in light of our own disparagement of our First National Hero. In reality, if we really appreciate his message, then false conviction cannot stop us from following the advice and direction that he indicated. This is true of many great personalities including Jesus Christ, and Nelson Mandela. So let us not use that excuse as the reason why we cannot act. "Up you mighty race", pardon or no pardon. It will happen one day, but until then let's perform.
- The IMF: The idea stuck with me as a practical way forward. Whether or not the IMF agreement is too stringent is really not relevant in restricting our own actions to improve the matters that are in our hands, perhaps it was a historical reference to Marcus Garvey's self-reliance admonition. Let us earn our way out of debt and not focus on begging.

To read MORE open the link: <http://jamaicachamber.org.jm/category/member-commentary/>

JCC 33rd Annual Awards - Nominees

The Jamaica Chamber of Commerce proudly celebrates its 33rd Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. This year we are pleased to announce the Nominees for the Best of Chamber (Large, Medium and Small) as follows:

Best of Chamber - Large

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| JiIC | Surrey Hotel Management (Ja. Pegasus Hotel) |
| Red Stripe | Wigton Windfarm |
| Seprod | |

Best of Chamber - Medium

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| Allied Insurance Brokers | Main Events |
| CGM Gallagher | Newport- Fersan (Jamaica) Limited |
| Kirk Distributor Limited | SOL Petroleum |

Best of Chamber - Small

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| B & D Trawling | Jamaica Energy Partners |
| Creditinfo Jamaica | Mona School of Business |
| Global Directories | tTech Limited |



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23rd TURKIYE-WORLD TRADE BRIDGE – ISTANBUL - MAY 30 – 31, 2015

The Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists of Turkiye (TUSKON) will be hosting the 23rd Turkiye-World Trade Bridge (TWTB 2015) on May 30 – 31, 2015 in Istanbul. The targets for this trade event are importers/import companies operating in the fields of construction, construction materials, furniture and machinery.

TUSKON is a non-governmental and non-profit umbrella organization for 7 business federations and 216 business associations in Turkey. TUSKON today represents 50,000 business people and more than 100,000 companies, and is the largest business NGO in Turkey.

Highlights of TWTB 2015:

- Total number of International participants is fixed at 1,500
- There will be 130 product display booths, 300 B2B desks and 2,000 participating Turkish business people.

Who should participate?

- Buyers, sellers, importers and distributors in the fields of construction, construction materials, furniture and companies dealing with all kinds of related machinery in these fields.

The organizing committee offers a free tour to the historical city of Istanbul and factory visits as well which are optional. They also offer a free, two days trip to Bursa, the first capital city of the Ottoman Empire.

Interested companies may contact: Mr. Eyup Ensar Ozturk, Nilufer Foundation at Tel: 5462220 / 5244844 or www.tuskonwtb.com. For more information open the link below:

<http://jamaicachamber.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/TUSKON-Brochure.pdf>

For information on upcoming JCC events please contact:



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