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The Consular Corps of Jamaica (CCOJ) will be hosting its 2012 International Trade Expo on October 4, 5, and 6 in the Ballroom of the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. The Expo is the primary fund raising vehicle to fund the activities of the CCOJ, the local umbrella organization of honorary consuls. The Expo provides a unique opportunity for buyers and sellers from one country to meet with buyers and sellers from other countries and Jamaica. In other words, the International Trade Expo created a market for the exchange of products, service and ideas.

Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates are invited to rent booths to showcase their countries and products or alternatively, they will facilitate the rental of booths by companies located in their home state. Companies or countries exhibiting at the Expo have an opportunity to showcase its signature exports to other exhibitors and other companies eager to explore trading relationships. Meetings are arranged, deals are initiated and first time contact made between companies. Succeeding administrations has seen the tremendous potential the Expo has to further solidify brand Jamaica in the minds of our potential trading partners. At the 2011 Expo, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between a Dominican Republic entity and the Caribbean Maritime Institute.

The Expo is a focused activity geared to putting businesses in contact with other businesses and or agents of other states. Given the high level focus of the activity, the Expo plays a distinct role in promoting Business to Business (B2B) exchange.

Whereas in the past the Expo has targeted the involvement and presence of the leaders within key companies and the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, this year a more direct approach will be made to the membership of this Association and other trade associations such as the Jamaica Manufacturers Association, Private Sector Organization of Jamaica, and the American Chamber of Commerce. The intention is to have a wider attendance of the membership of these organizations participating in the several events over the 3 days. The Chamber has committed its full support and will participate again this year with a booth at the event.

For more information, and to participate in the Expo, please contact Mr. Robert Scott, J.P., Vice-Dean, Consular Corps of Jamaica at Tel: (876) 577-9909 or email: latvianconsulatejamaica@yahoo.com



JCC President Milton Samuda was on hand as the **Consular Corps of Jamaica (CCOJ) launched its 2012 International Trade Expo at the Pegasus Hotel in New Kingston on July 26, 2012.** Pictured l-r standing: Robert Scott, J.P., Vice Dean of the Consular Corp & Honorary Consul for Latvia in Jamaica; Milton Samuda, JCC President; Grantley Stephenson, Dean of the Consular Corps and Honorary Consul General for Norway; Senator the Hon. A.J. Nicholson, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Wiston Bayley, Hon. Consul for Barbados; Vladimir Polenov, Russian Ambassador; Jorge Constantino, Panamanian Ambassador; Jimmy Joseph, Hon. Consul for the Czech Republic; and Paul Issa, Hon. Consul for Portugal. Pictured l-r seated: Irene Cousins, Hon. Consul for Poland; and Marjorie Kennedy, Hon. Consul for Australia.

The Galilee International Management Institute in Israel (est. 1987) is a leading international management-training institute. The Institute gives advanced leadership management and capacity building seminars to professionals from all over the globe. They have extensive working experience providing professional training to individuals and groups internationally. The Mission of **The Galilee International Management Institute** is to sustain development through capacity building, based on their Mission, the Institute Board will grant tuition scholarships (value of 9870 NIS each) to qualified candidates. Nominees must be fluent in English and either hold a university degree or have extensive work experience in their respective fields.

The Institute is currently offering an **SMEs Development & Management Programme** and Tuition Scholarships from August 29 to 12 September, 2012. The programme offers lectures and workshops that are thought provoking and relevant. Some of the key topics to be dealt with during this Programme are: **Project Management, Business and Financial Planning, marketing: Local and International, Micro-Finance and Business Entrepreneurship.** They also offer Study tours which are eye opening and provide you with a first-hand look at what can be achieved. **The Galilee International Management Institute** is a member of the Haifa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and comes highly recommended by that organization.

For additional information about the programmes, curriculum, Holy Land Excursions, lecturers, scholarships and fees, please contact the Programme Director, Mrs. Goni Agmon at gagmon@galilcol.ac.il or visit the Galilee Institute website <http://www.galilcol.ac.il>.

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The Embassy of the Republic of Panama in Jamaica has sent the JCC some promotional pamphlets about the Agency for Investment Attractions and Export Promotions (PROINVEX-PANAMA) and the Multimodal Logistic Center of the Americas located in the Colon Free Zone, and has requested that we share the information with our Members.

For visitors to the Panama Canal, the **Miraflores Visitors Center (CVM)** is an expression of the permanent commitment of the Panama Canal Authority to strengthen the public's knowledge of the Canal. Located on the east side of the Miraflores Locks, the CVM allows visitors to observe transiting vessels from a distance of only a few meters and learn firsthand about the various operations of the Panama Canal, the history of its construction, its participation in the world markets, and the importance of its watershed. For additional information on how to schedule your next visit to the Panama Canal, Tel: (507) 276-8325 or (506) 276-8449 or email: cvm@pancanal.com. To know more about the Panama Canal visit the website: www.pancanal.com.

The **Multimodal Logistic Center of the Americas** provides much information, and may reasons to invest in the Colon Free Zone. There are numerous benefits and advantages to operate in the Colon Free Zone, such as:

- Land Rental Contract: The Colon Free Zone rents land to local or foreign companies, to build warehouses and offices, for their own use or for a third party.
- Operations Permit: Private buildings are rented upon the Administration of the Colon Free Zone authorization.
- Contract where a Company is represented by another: Colon Free Zone law allows that an established company in the Colon Free Zone may represent another.
- Colon Free Zone Public Warehouse Contract: This option is for companies interested to run their business in Colon Free Zone, but are not interested to rent land nor building, and neither be represented by another.

For more information you may call the Marketing Management at (507) 475-9524 or email: zonalibre@zolicol.gob.pa or visit the website www.zonalibredecolon.com.pa.


JCC & Myers Fletcher & Gordon
Wednesday Morning Seminar Series
'Giving and Taking Security Made Simple'
 Wed. Sept. 19, 2012 8:00a.m – 9:30a.m. at
 Myers Fletcher & Gordon, 21 East Street, Kgn
 Presenter: Hilary Reid, Attorney-at-Law,
 Partner, MF&G. **Registration required.**

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

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

The seminar will feature presentations by Minister Peter Phillips, Minister of Finance & Public Service, Port Operators, One Stop Shop, and the Custom Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association of Jamaica.

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 required.**

 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...

 The Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce extend heartfelt **Congratulations** to the following Chamber colleagues who have been deservedly singled out for the conferral of **National Honours & Awards** in the 2012 listing:

- Recipients of the Order of Distinction in the Rank of Commander (CD)**
- JCC Past President Noel Courtney daCosta - for contribution to Engineering and the Manufacturing Sector
 - JCC Past President James Seivright Moss-Solomon - for contribution to Business and Regional Integration

- Recipient of the Order of Distinction in the Rank of Officer (OD)**
- JCC Director Anthony Augusto Gomes - for contribution to business and the promotion of International Trade

- Recipient of the Badge of Honour for Meritorious Service BH (M)**
- JCC Member Christopher Read - for service to the aviation industry, particularly in the field of Aircraft Maintenance, Courier and Passenger Services.

The Chamber - and the wider business community in general - has benefitted enormously from the hard work of these outstanding members over the years, and we join their families, friends and colleagues in saluting them during this our nation's 50th Anniversary.

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



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