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PRESS RELEASE
AEO Presentation at JCC Board of Directors Meeting

The Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC) invites you to the **JCC's Board of Directors** meeting on **Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 3:00pm** at JCC's Secretariat, Richmond Park Great House, 58 Half Way Tree Road, Kingston 10.

Representatives from The Jamaica Customs Agency will be present to speak about the **Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programme** as part of their sensitization efforts and answer questions related to the programme. The AEO programme is aligned with international requirements and it aims to forge partnerships that will continue to enhance trade facilitation and create new possibilities, while embracing opportunities to secure international trade. Stakeholder companies that qualify under this programme, by satisfying specific criteria based on internationally-recognized standards will derive an array of benefits that can contribute to their world-wide competitiveness.

The JCC Board of Directors will also issue a statement on **bureaucracy and the justice system** in light of the recent issues exposed in the press about claims by the DPP that an agreement was reached to hire seventeen (17) Prosecutors months ago, but for procedural reasons she wasn't able to put that into effect. The Justice Minister noted that there was some inexplicable delay either in the Finance & Planning Ministry or elsewhere. The JCC however believes the multiple year backlogs in the system contributed to the diminished faith in the justice system and has proposed measures such as additional courts, engagement of part-time prosecutors on an emergency basis etc. and is disappointed that money was approved, the positions were approved and yet months have passed without action. Is the government being disingenuous in claiming that the money was in place? Where was/is the log-jam?

Join us for the full discussion on these areas of concern.

For more information and to confirm your attendance by **Monday, September 25, 2017 by 3:30pm** please contact Nordia Henry, Communications & Marketing Officer at the JCC Secretariat Tel: 922-0150-1 or email: nordia.henry@jamaicachamber.org.jm

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