

CDB/World Bank Consultancy Project Launched to Establish Regional Procurement Training Centre at UTech, Ja.



Stakeholders in the Project to establish the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and World Bank funded Caribbean Regional Procurement Training Centre at UTech, Jamaica pose for a group photograph following the project launch ceremony held on Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Technology Innovation Centre (TIC), UTech Papine campus. Pictured L-R (front row) are Ms. Geraldine McDonald, Lecturer, College of Business and Management (COBAM), Mrs. Genefa Hibbert, Project Coordinator, UTech, Ja. Enhancement Project, Mr. Douglas Fraser, Head of Procurement, CDB, Dr. Carlys Cadogan, Lecturer, College of Business and Management, (COBAM) Dr. Paul Golding, Dean, COBAM, Mr. Nigel Cooper, Lecturer, COBAM, Mrs. Dennise Haldane, Director of Procurement, UTech, Ja. Second row (from left), Mr. Lloyd Wint, Lecturer, COBAM, Ms. Yvette Richards, Lecturer, COBAM, Miss Rosalee Sawyers, Lecturer, COBAM and consultants Messrs. John Brooks and Scott Smith of BiP Solutions Limited.

The University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) has been awarded a contract by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the World Bank to undertake a feasibility study for the establishment of a Caribbean Regional Procurement Training Centre at its Papine campus. The contract was awarded following a rigorous competitive process led by the consultancy arm of the College of Business and Management and the School of Graduate Studies, Research and Entrepreneurship (SGSRE). A special ceremony for the launch of the project and initial stakeholder workshops towards the establishment of the regional procurement training centre was held on **Monday, April 18, 2016** at the Technology Innovation Centre (TIC), UTech Papine campus, with stakeholder workshops continuing to Wednesday, April 20.

The Procurement Training Centre which was announced last year by the CDB and the World Bank is expected to be operational by late 2017. According to the CDB "it will provide high quality training services, accredited by the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS), initially focussing on training for public procurement professionals in the Caribbean."

As the selected entity, UTech, Jamaica will first determine the project's feasibility and based on the results will host and run the regional Procurement Training Centre on a sustainable basis. It will develop curriculum and training materials jointly with BiP Solutions Limited, a consultancy firm specialising in procurement, and CIPS, one of the global leaders in providing procurement learning solutions and qualifications. These organisations will seek feedback

from key regional stakeholders to ensure the Centre and its training align with regional needs.

Dr. Paul Golding, Dean, College of Business and Management in his remarks asserted that the consultancy project fits into the College's strategic thrust and into UTech, Jamaica's mandate to contribute to national and regional development. Noting that some 9-13% of GDP passes through public procurement in developing countries, Dr. Golding said that this raises public concerns related to management and mismanagement of funds, ethical issues and issues of corruption which all increase the need for procurement "to play more of a strategic position, rather than a peripheral one in organizations." Dr. Golding noted that the launch of the Procurement Centre at UTech, Ja. is therefore an important step in moving this goal forward.

Dean Golding thanked consultancy partners from BiP Solutions and from Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) and expressed special thanks to the internal cross-functional internal team led by **Dr. Carlys Cadogan**, Lecturer, COBAM. The team comprises COBAM lectures, **Mr. Nigel Cooper**, **Mr. Lloyd Wint**, **Ms. Carol Barnes** and **Ms. Yvette Richards**; **Mrs. Dennise Haldane**, Director of Procurement, and **Mrs. Genefa Hibbert**, Project Coordinator, UTech, Ja. Enhancement Project.

Mr. Douglas Fraser, CDB Head of Procurement who also brought greetings on behalf of the World Bank, congratulated UTech, Jamaica and consulting partners, BiP Solutions on being selected to execute the CDB

funded project following "a very demanding process." Mr. Fraser told the gathering that the project is expected to achieve "a transformation for the region in terms of public procurement and is expected to develop a cadre of professionals who can take public procurement to the next level."

Mr. Scott Smith of the Scotland, UK based BiP Solutions in providing a project overview, said his company will partner with UTech, Jamaica to implement the training centre and to

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Richard Powell Appointed Pro-Chancellor



Mr. Richard Powell, (2nd left) newly appointed Pro-Chancellor, University of Technology, Jamaica poses with (from left) Mrs. Mercedes Deane, Deputy Registrar, Most Hon. Edward Seaga, ON, PC, Chancellor and Prof. Colin Gyles, Acting President during Mr. Powell's courtesy call on the Chancellor at his UWI, Mona Offices on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

Mr. Richard Powell was appointed as Pro-Chancellor of the University of Technology, Jamaica, (UTech, Ja.) by the Minister of Education, Youth and Information, **Senator Ruel Reid** with effect from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019. He succeeds former Pro-Chancellor, **Mr. Vivian Crawford, CD** who served the University in that capacity since October 2012. Mr. Crawford served on the University's Council in several other capacities for over 20 years.

Courtesy Call on the Chancellor

The Pro-Chancellor on Wednesday, April 27 paid a courtesy call on the Chancellor, Most Hon. Edward Seaga, ON, PC at his Distinguished Fellow Offices located at the UWI, Mona campus. Mr. Powell's courtesy call on the Chancellor was part of a series of on boarding activities organised by the Office of the University Registrar to introduce the new Pro-Chancellor to the University community. He was accompanied by **Prof. Colin Gyles**, Acting President, **Mrs. Mercedes Deane**, Deputy Registrar and **Mrs. Michelle Beckford**, Corporate Communications Manager.

During the courtesy call, both the Chancellor and Acting President shared with Mr. Powell, aspects of his new role as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council and briefed him on the general state of the University. The new Pro-Chancellor shared his desire to support efforts for the clear articulation of the University's strategic direction and emphasized the importance of a shared set of goals and objectives by all stakeholders. He noted that, "there are some pressing issues that need

dedication and professionalism.

Mr Powell's academic achievements include an MBA (with Distinction) from York University in Canada, a MSc. in Highway Engineering from the University of Birmingham in England and a BSc. (Hons) in Civil Engineering from the University of the West Indies. In 1984 he was the recipient of a Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship, which was tenable at York University.

Mr. Powell initiated a drive to transform the Society and its subsidiaries into an integrated financial services provider. During his nine-year tenure, he successfully led the drive that has resulted in the broadening of the Vision and Mission of the organization for financial and operational efficiency, and has repositioned the Group as a dynamic and customer-driven organization.

Mr. Powell serves on the boards of several public and private sector corporations, as well as non-governmental organisations, including the PSQJ Council; Chair, National Works Agency Advisory Committee; member of the South East Regional Health Authority; the Natural Resources Conversation Authority (NRCA); the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ) and Chair of the Preparatory Committee of the 5th and 6th Biennial Diaspora Conference in June 2013 and 2015.

In recognition of his extraordinary management achievements, public service and community activism the Jamaica Institute of Management presented him with the 2013 Manager of the Year Award.

to be dealt with up front. We have to focus our attention on trying to build team effort, on building bridges and getting alignment among our stakeholders to fulfil our strategic mandate in the interest of the organisation."

Profile

Mr. Powell, a career senior executive in the financial sector, recently retired as President and Chief Executive Office of Victoria Mutual Building Society (VMBS). His professional experience includes appointments as President and CEO of Life of Jamaica Limited and Blue Cross of Jamaica, as well as a senior management position at the Lascelles DeMercado Group of Companies.

He has also had a successful engineering career in the public sector and has a reputation for executing his responsibilities with unquestionable integrity,

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deliver the solutions outlined in the terms of reference. He said this will involve a programme for a sustainable model that will be made available to as many people as possible and provide a framework that can lay the foundation for training procurement professionals from across the Caribbean region. Mr. Smith noted that the Foundation Course will be specific to the needs of CARICOM with specific reference to regulations and best practices in the region.

Mr. Martin Henry, Manager of Projects and Operations, School of Graduate Studies, Research and Entrepreneurship, who was instrumental in securing the consultancy, affirmed that "UTech, Jamaica was a good choice," adding that "we intend to deliver on the objectives of the project." He noted that the Procurement Training Centre while delivering value to Caribbean governments is expected to simplify the complex and cumbersome procurement processes to make it easier for those who participate in it within organizations. Mr. Henry pointed out that the Centre is also expected to be a commercially viable, self-sustaining venture.

CDB has committed financing up to USD 137,875 and an estimated additional USD 45,895 in resources, such as staff time, to the project, which will be delivered under the Programme for Improved Public Investment Management through Sustainable Public Procurement Capacity Building in the Caribbean Region. The World Bank has committed USD 320,000 in grant funding.

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UTech, Jamaica Hosts 6th Annual Caribbean Conference on Sport Sciences

The Faculty of Science and Sport, on Friday, April 8, 2016 hosted its 6th annual Caribbean Conference on Sport Sciences under the theme, "Caribbean Integration and Sport Sciences: Global Perspectives, Regional Challenges." The Conference comprised three scientific sessions and a panel discussion highlighting various perspectives on the theme including research and new developments in areas related to sport and exercise physiology, doping in sport and current research on stem cell treatment in athletes.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, **Mrs. Alison McLean** delivered the keynote address on behalf of **Minister Hon. Olivia "Babsy" Grange**. Mrs. McLean commended Acting President and the UTech, Jamaica team for the work being done in sport development and for the staging of the 6th annual conference on sport sciences. She noted that "the fact that UTech, Jamaica has been able to maintain the staging of this conference demonstrates the University's growth, maturity and commitment to excellence in the field of sport sciences," adding that the nation is depending on the research and knowledge shared to support improvement in sporting technique and to develop and sustain innovation in our policies, practices and in the heritage in sport.

Prof. Colin Gyles, Acting President, UTech, Jamaica in his remarks, said that "this year's focus on Caribbean integration is not only timely, but particularly fitting, given the historic sweep in international cricket by the West Indies Men's and Women's Cricket teams in the finals of the 2016 ICC World Twenty20 finals on April 3 as well as the record first title win in the under 19 Cricket World Cup. Noting that these achievements augur well for the future of sport, Prof. Gyles emphasized that "we are not here just about doing well now, but ensuring sustainability for the future." Lamenting that historically Jamaica has not found a way to understand what is needed to sustain the success we have enjoyed for decades in sport, or how to convert the unifying element of sport into economic gain, Prof. Gyles noted that the Caribbean School of Sport Sciences at UTech, Jamaica since its inception six years ago, has been instrumental in developing sport in a sustainable way for the future with a focus on science and research.

Dr. Beverley Myers, Vice Dean in her welcome, congratulated Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee, **Mr. Andre Waugh**, Lecturer, Faculty of Science and Sport and other team members for organising a successful Sport Sciences conference. Dr. Myers noted that the conference presentations are intended to provide new and revised information to deepen awareness of sport education in Jamaica and the Caribbean. She reminded the gathering comprising coaches, educators and students that the Faculty offers a four-year Bachelor of Science in Sport Sciences with three options in the Art and Science of Coaching, Athletic Training and Sport Management, as well as a Master of Science in Physical Education offered jointly with the GC Foster College for Physical Education and Sport.

Mr. Orville Byfield, Acting Head of the Caribbean School of Sport Sciences said that the School seeks to advance all opportunities to incorporate science into the art of sport and is focussed on training competent individuals who will impart modern knowledge to enhance the growth of high level athletic performance for sustainability in sport.

Keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremony was **Dr. Frank McCormack**, orthopaedic surgeon at the SOAR Institute, Florida, USA where he is a specialist in outpatient sports medicine, cartilage/meniscal/stem cell transplantation, joint preservation, and arthroscopic treatment of the shoulder hip and knee.



Mrs. Alison McLean, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport addressing the Opening Ceremony of the 6th annual Caribbean Conference on Sports Sciences hosted by the Caribbean School of Sport Sciences, Faculty of Science and Sport, University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Jamaica) on Friday, April 8, 2016 at its Papine campus.

Dr. McCormack shared encouraging data on his research and practise on the overall efficacy of using stem cell treatment in optimising and accelerating the healing process in athletes with orthopaedic and sports injuries, which he noted is an alternative to high risk, invasive and expensive surgical treatment modalities. Pointing out that approximately 1 in 3 athletes have a damaged cartilage problem that they are not able to sufficiently treat, he presented compelling case evidence demonstrating the acceleration of the healing process of athletes' injuries having undergone stem cell treatment involving the delivery of the healing cells directly to the area of injury. He noted other advantages of using stem cell treatment including the reduction of risk of infection, continuing long standing result and a shorter recovery time than surgery, to enable athletes' return to sport after cartilage treatment. He explained that stem cells can be obtained from bone marrow, skin, muscle or amniotic fluid which can be stored for an extended period of time.

The other distinguished cadre of conference presenters included **Dr. Derrick McDowell**, Sport Medicine Physician who examined the value of adding a massage therapist to a football programme, with particular reference to his experience with being part of the physician team for Jamaica's Reggae Boyz and Jamaica College high school. **Mr. Nicholas Powell**, Principal Consultant of The Mind Game Consultant Company, USA provided keen insights into using sports psychology as a practical tool to condition the mind to boost confidence in athletes while they prepare for competition.

Mr. Andre Waugh, Lecturer, Caribbean School of Sport Sciences provided an analysis on his research on the "Validity Comparisons of Three Popular Tests to Estimate Maximal Oxygen Uptake (VO₂max)" which determines fitness level - the Rockfort Walking Test, the Multi-Stage Fitness Test and the Fitness Assessment test. The aim of the study was to investigate the validity of these tests used to estimate maximal oxygen uptake against the Gold Standard of direct measurements of the VO₂max. Mr. Waugh concluded that "the multi-stage fitness test proved to be a highly valid substitute for the Gold Standard, while the Rockfort Walking test and the Fitness Assessment Test without exercise testing are both suitable alternatives to the Gold Standard.



Keynote speaker, Dr. Frank McCormack

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Mrs. Maurissa Gibson-Bailey, Exercise Physiologist, from Trinidad and Tobago shared her experience on the significance of adding sport and exercise physiology in sport training programmes. Her presentation was followed by a rousing segment with SokaFit TV Show Host **Ms. La Shaun Prescott** who had conference participants dancing along during a demonstration of the routines she uses in her SokaFit television programmes as part of a national intervention being used in schools in Trinidad and Tobago to engage students in physical activity.

Mr Fabian Miller, MSc. in Physical Education and Sport, UTech, Jamaica student gave a presentation on his ongoing thesis on the effects of anxiety on performance of track and field athletes and some coping strategies used.



Dr. Joyce Graham Royal (right), Principal, GC Foster College of Physical Education and Sport makes a point during a panel discussion on Caribbean Integration and Sport Sciences. Panellists from left are Mr. Sean Samuel, Curriculum Officer Physical Education, Antigua, Mrs. Maurissa Gibson-Bailey, Exercise Physiologist, Trinidad and Tobago and Mr. Nigel Linton, Founder, Diamond Project, Anguilla. There was consensus among the panellists that succession planning is imperative for sustaining sport programmes in the region and a call for a Caribbean Sport Association to better integrate and share research, resources and talent development.

UTech, Jamaica Partners with Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport in Celebration of World Heritage Day

On Monday, April 18, 2016, the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) was among national educational institutions and stakeholders who partnered with the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport in celebration of World Heritage Day 2016 under the theme, "The Heritage of Sport." The commemorative activities began with the symbolic unveiling ceremony of the Gateway Sign for the Blue and John Crow Mountains World Heritage Site erected in the Papine Square, St. Andrew.

Mr. Hector Wheeler, Associate Vice President Advancement, UTech, Jamaica who chaired the ceremony, in his welcome said that UTech, Jamaica was honoured to be partners with the Ministry in this bold and historic initiative. He noted that, "the University is endowed with a distinctive heritage landscape embracing both intangible and tangible assets that provide for a wholesome experience and that the Papine campus is strategically placed at the gateway to the Blue and John Crow Mountains." Mr. Wheeler noted further, "it is in this regard that it was the most logical step for the University to support the Ministry in its heritage initiatives."

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony, **Hon. Olivia Grange, CD, MP** thanked UTech, Jamaica for sponsoring the sign erected in Papine and lauded the University for "its strategic vision in supporting the initiative to assist in the strengthening and preservation of Jamaica's heritage landscape." The Minister explained that a World Heritage Site is an area of outstanding international importance designated by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and which belongs to all the peoples of the world irrespective of the territory in which they are located. Minister Grange provided a raft of economic opportunities with respect to Jamaica's tourism industry, noting that the Blue and John Crow Mountains are an untapped haven for world travellers, adventurers and for scientific and cultural researchers. The Minister affirmed that the Ministry will engage citizens in and around the Blue and John Crow Mountains to explore business and other opportunities while ensuring that the preservation of the World Heritage Site is not compromised.

In attendance at the unveiling ceremony were the **Most Hon. Juliet Holness, MP**, East Rural St. Andrew, **Mr. Yuri Peshkov**, Culture Programme Specialist, UNESCO, Kingston Cluster Office of the Caribbean, Her Worship the Mayor Senator and Councillor **Dr. Angela Brown Burke, JP**, Mayor of Kingston, students from Papine High school and Mona Preparatory School, Papine community leaders, other partners and UTech, Jamaica faculty and staff.

Following the unveiling ceremony, UTech, Jamaica hosted the Ministry's staging of a symposium held at the Faculty of The Built Environment on the theme, "Sport for National Development."

The Blue and John Crow Mountains was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List on July 3, 2015 and is Jamaica's first World Heritage Site and the only mixed World Heritage Site in



Sharing in the unveiling of the Gateway Sign to the Blue and John Crow Mountains World Heritage Site, in Papine Square, from left are, Dr. Patricia Green, Head, Caribbean School of Architecture, Hon. Olivia Grange, CD, MP, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Most Hon. Juliet Holness, MP, East Rural St. Andrew, Mr. Yuri Peshkov, Culture Programme Specialist, UNESCO, Kingston Cluster Office of the Caribbean and Mr. Hector Wheeler, Associate Vice President, University of Technology, Jamaica.

the Caribbean. "The site encompasses a rugged and extensively forested mountainous region in the south-east of Jamaica, which provided refuge first for the indigenous Tainos fleeing slavery and then for Maroons (former enslaved peoples). They resisted the European colonial system in this isolated region by establishing a network of trails, hiding places and settlements, which form the Nanny Town Heritage Route. The site is also a biodiversity hotspot for the Caribbean Islands with a high proportion of endemic plant species, especially lichens, mosses and certain flowering plants that are found nowhere else in the world.

FACULTY OF LAW CELEBRATES STUDENT EXCELLENCE



High Achievers: Hon. Zaila McCalla, OJ, (centre) Chief Justice of Jamaica shares in congratulating outstanding Faculty of Law, Student of the Year awardees, Miss Ann-Marie Moore - Papine Campus and Mr. Jason Chockela - Western Campus following the Faculty's annual Awards Ceremony held on April 7, 2016 at the Terra Nova All Suite Hotel in Kingston.

Miss Ann-Marie Moore also copped the award for outstanding performance in the course of study, *Equitable Remedies*, Year 3. Mr. Chockela copped the top prizes for his Year 2 performance in *Administrative Law, Equity and Trusts, Real Property 1, Public International Law, Private International Law and Intellectual Property Law*, Year 3. The high achiever was also named to the Dean's List and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for community service and for his participation in the Caribbean Court of Justice Moot Court.

The UTech, Jamaica Faculty of Law, hosted its 5th annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 7, 2016 to recognize its most outstanding students from both its Kingston and Montego Bay campuses who have excelled in academics, service and sport during the last academic year. Over forty (40) aspiring attorneys-at-law were presented with awards at the special ceremony held at the Terra Nova All Suite Hotel under the theme, **"Committed to Integrity, Service and Professionalism."**

Prof. Colin Gyles, Acting President in congratulating the student awardees expressed pride that UTech, Jamaica has had the distinction of producing graduates who have gone on to do very well at the Norman Manley Law School in their course of study towards obtaining a practicing certificate. The Acting President recognized the sterling contribution of pioneers of the Faculty of Law, **Mr. Kent Pantry, CD, QC** and **Prof. the Hon. Oswald Harding, OJ, CD, QC** who he lauded for their "ground breaking work and influence that will continue to redound to the benefit of the Faculty."

Pioneers Honoured

A special feature of the 2016 Awards Ceremony was the recognition of Prof. Kent S. Pantry, CD, QC and Prof. the Hon. Oswald G. Harding, OJ, CD, QC, PhD - the two most formidable pioneers who have laid the foundation for the establishment, growth and development of the Faculty of Law since its inception in 2009 - Members of their respective families, members of the judiciary, faculty, staff and students were on hand to share in an outpouring of honour and appreciation presented to the exemplars through citations and other special awards.

Dean of the Faculty of Law, **Mr. Alfred McPherson** in his welcome and congratulations to the student awardees, noted that when the Faculty first opened its doors with the first class of students on January 12, 2009, it was in no small part owing to the determination and fortitude of Prof. Kent Pantry "who shifted gears from being Director of Public Prosecution to becoming the first Dean... and accomplishing the signal task of moulding what many had thought was an insurmountable task."

Pointing out that the objective has always been to complement rather than to compete with legal education offerings at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mr. McPherson said that notwithstanding

the initial challenging stages, the Faculty of Law has continued to grow from strength, to strength, building on the gains laid by Prof. Pantry, Prof. Harding and the team of faculty and staff. The Dean noted with pride that students of the Faculty "have proven that they are some of the best trained at the undergraduate level," adding that those who have advanced to the Norman Manley Law School have distinguished themselves, with as many as 9 UTech, Jamaica trained, out of 21 persons making the Dean's honour role in one year.

Mr. Pantry in his humbled response following the presentations, said that he is happy to have been a part of the establishment of the Faculty of Law, noting with pride that the task was accomplished in the relatively short time of only seven months. He specially recognized administrators **Mrs. Elaine Codner** and **Mrs. Karen Rhule**, Executive Assistant and Faculty Administrator respectively who he saluted for their outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the Faculty from inception, and who he noted, often went beyond the call of duty during the early days of "teething pains." The sentiments were echoed by Prof. Harding who succeeded Mr. Pantry as Dean of the Faculty in 2011. He expressed pride in the many achievements of the graduates and students of the Faculty of Law and the significant growth and development of the Faculty since its establishment.

Guest speaker, Chief Justice Zaila McCalla joined in congratulating the student awardees and the two special honorees, who she recognized as "outstanding members of the legal profession who have given back to a very grateful nation." Commenting on the theme of the ceremony, the Chief Justice lamented that despite the appearance that we live in a world where the notion of what is sound integrity, outstanding service and professionalism are constantly being debated and redefined, she encouraged the budding attorneys to remain "professional, take pride in doing a job well done and paying close attention to details."

Emphasising the potential impact of the conduct of an attorney on people's lives and their livelihood, the Chief Justice stressed the importance of building a good character by taking appropriate steps to prevent and to correct mistakes and displaying good probity, integrity and fairness in the execution of duties.

Mrs. McCalla ended her well received motivational presentation with a timely reminder of the words of philosopher Mahatma Ghandi's list of "the seven things that will destroy you" - "wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, religion without sacrifice, politics without principles, science without humanity and business without ethics."



PIONEERS

Former Deans Honoured: At left, a beaming Prof. Kent Pantry, CD, QC (left) accepts his citation from Mr. Williams Potopsingh, Lecturer, Faculty of Law and at right, Prof. the Hon. Oswald Harding, OJ, CD, QC happily displays his citation presented by Mr. Alfred McPherson, Dean, Faculty of Law, UTech, Jamaica.

UTech, Jamaica Welcomes His Imperial Highness (HIH) Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie



Prof. Colin Gyles (right), Acting President, UTech, Jamaica welcomes His Imperial Highness (HIH) Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie on his arrival at the Caribbean Sculpture Park, Papine campus on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Mr. Steven Golding, member of the Commemoration Committee to mark the 50th Anniversary of the visit of Emperor Haile Selassie I to Jamaica presents the Prince. Looking on is Mrs. Jacqueline Knight-Campbell, Office of the President who organized the Prince's visit to the University.

The University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Ja.) was part of history yesterday, Thursday, April 21, 2016 as Acting President, **Prof. Colin Gyles** welcomed **His Imperial Highness (HIH) Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie**, grandson of the late Ethiopian Emperor Haile Salassie I, and his wife **Princess Saba Kebede** to the Papine campus. Arriving with fanfare at approximately 3:00 pm, at the Caribbean Sculpture Park accompanied by a ten-car motorcade, preceded by police outriders and the UTech, Jamaica Safety and Security motor vehicles, **Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie** and his entourage was welcomed by the pulsating rhythms of the UTech, Jamaica Drummers. The Prince was accompanied by **Hon. Olivia "Babsy" Grange, CD, MP**, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, **Ambassador Elinor Felix, CD, JP**, Chief of State Protocol in the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairman of the 50th anniversary Haile Selassie's Visit Commemoration Committee, **Dr. Michael Barnett**, members of the Committee, **Mr. Steven Golding** and **Mr. Marlon Stewart Gaynor**, along with a large following of members of the Rastafarian community.



On his arrival at the Caribbean Sculpture Park, where he was welcomed by the UTech, Ja. Drummers, Prince Ermias Haile Selassie immediately took a go at the drum, much to the delight of UTech, Ja. Centre for the Arts student drummer, Quickore Bennett (in green), Hon. Olivia Grange (3rd left), Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Prof. Colin Gyles (right) and others look on with equal delight.

Prof. Gyles led the party on a brief tour of the Caribbean Sculpture Park, followed by a visit to the Centre for the Arts led by Director, **Mr. Phillip Clarke**, where Prince Sahle Selassie signed the official UTech, Jamaica Visitor's book and was treated to an interlude of a medley of drumming by the inimitable UTech, Ja. Drummers who played well-received pieces including, *Rivers of Babylon* and *Mt. Zion!* played to the Nyabingi rhythm.

The royal visit ended with a tour of the student-based club - the African Cultural Renaissance Movement (ACRM) where an exhibition was mounted to welcome Prince Sahle Selassie, led by student President, **Ke Vaughn Fraser**. **Mr. Benjamin Asamoah**, Club Overseer and Advisor explained that the ACRM which has been in existence since 1971 at UTech, Jamaica is intended to promote African cultural awareness among students as well as to provide an evening school outreach programme that aids at risk youth in furthering their studies.

Prof. Gyles bid farewell to Prince Sahle Selassie and his party at 3:45 pm where his visit to Jamaica continued to the UWI, Mona campus His Imperial Highness arrived in the island on Thursday, April 21 for a nine-day visit in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the state visit of his grandfather, the late Emperor of Ethiopia His Imperial Majesty (HIM).

Chinese Ambassador Pays Courtesy Call



Prof. Colin Gyles (right), Acting President, UTech, Jamaica welcomes His Imperial Highness (HIH) Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie on his arrival at the Caribbean Sculpture Park, Papine campus on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Mr. Steven Golding, member of the Commemoration Committee to mark the 50th Anniversary of the visit of Emperor Haile Selassie I to Jamaica presents the Prince. Looking on is Mrs. Jacqueline Knight-Campbell, Office of the President who organized the Prince's visit to the University.

Prof. Colin Gyles, Acting President, University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech, Jamaica) welcomed newly appointed Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Jamaica, His Excellency Niu Qingbao who paid a courtesy call on him on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. During his visit the Ambassador and Prof. Gyles discussed opportunities for partnerships and for mutual engagement between the Chinese Embassy in Jamaica and the University. His Excellency was also taken on a campus tour which included the Technology, Innovation Centre (TIC) Joan Duncan School of Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership (JDSEEL), the Caribbean Sculpture Park and the sport facilities.

Strengthening Chinese Culture at UTech, Jamaica

Among the matters discussed during His Excellency's courtesy call, was the strengthening of the infusion of the Chinese culture at UTech, Jamaica to be facilitated through cultural and academic exchanges for staff and students; the establishment of linkages with Chinese universities for scholarship opportunities, work study programmes, funding support for facilities and technology upgrade at the University, especially in the area of sport and the establishment of additional SMART classrooms.



His Excellency Niu Qingbao (left) shows keen interest in one of the sculptures during a tour of the Caribbean Sculpture Park led by Acting President, Prof. Colin Gyles (centre). Dr. Zhou Liping Director, Political Division, Second Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica also looks on with keen interest.



Ambassador Niu Qingbao (right) poses with UTech, Jamaica/MVP Olympian and UTech, Jamaica graduate, Carrie Russell during a break from her training session. At right Ambassador Niu Qingbao greets UTech, Jamaica/MVP and World Champion shot-putter, Odane Richards who took a break from his training session in the gym. Sharing in the occasion are Dr. Zhou Liping (left), Director, Political Division, Second Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica and Prof. Colin Gyles (second left) Acting President.

Budding Entrepreneurs

Team Magic Styler



JDSEEL students Chantall Hardy (left) and Asheleka Rose of Team Magic Styler go through the paces in their final presentation at the finals of the National Business Model Competition (NBMC) held on Friday, April 1, 2016 at the Knutsford Court Hotel. Magic Styler is a dual purpose flat iron and blow dryer hair care product designed to eliminate the burden of using two different pieces of equipment. The team placed fifth in the national competition.

UTECH STUDENTS SHINE AT NATIONAL BUSINESS MODEL COMPETITION

Congratulations to all members of the four UTech, Jamaica teams that made it the semi-finals and to team Magic Styler who made it to the finals of the National Business Model Competition on Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1, 2016 respectively, held at the Knutsford Court Hotel, New Kingston.

Congratulations to team Magic Styler who did their very best in their valiant efforts in the finals, placing fifth. The team will proceed with efforts to take their product to market as they continue to push forward as young entrepreneurs. It is also anticipated that the other UTech, Jamaica teams through the assistance of the Technology Innovation Centre (TIC), Joan Duncan School of Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership (JDSEEL) will continue to pursue their business ventures.

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