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**DAMIAN GREAVES**

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# Tourism Ministry Mounts Public Awareness Campaign



Minister of Tourism Hon. Philip J. Pierre (L) and Agnes Francis of Accela Marketing signing the Contract for the Campaign



Minister Pierre and Mrs. Francis shake hands on completion of the signing ceremony. Deputy PS Judith Crane at the centre of the picture

**T**he Ministry of Tourism has awarded a contract to local Marketing and Public Relations firm Accela Marketing, to undertake a tourism public awareness campaign. During the signing ceremony last Thursday, which was held at the Ministry's conference room, Deputy Permanent Secretary Judith Crane St. Hill said the program is one of the recommendations of the new St. Lucia Tourism Sector Strategy and Action Plan. She said this intervention was timely as it has become imperative that St. Lucians take ownership of the sector.

"This award is the culmination of a process which commenced with a tour-

ism awareness campaign designed by the Ministry of Tourism, St. Lucia Tourist Board St. Lucia heritage Tourism Program and the SLHTA, based on a public awareness and attitudinal survey conducted by the St. Lucia Tourist Board in 2003. Unfortunately this campaign was not them implemented due to lack of financial resources."

The campaign has now become a reality as funding has been sourced from the European Union, and the 2006/2007 budget estimates, which have made provision for 500,000 dollars to the program. The campaign is set for a six month duration and will include public service announcement and television

programs among others..

It has been the view of the Government of St. Lucia that St. Lucians must reap the benefits of tourism. However Tourism Minister Philip J. Pierre said St. Lucians must first be aware of what those benefits are and how they could be accessed.

"It is hoped that this awareness program which is being conducted by a local firm-and it is important that it is being done by a local firm because many times we have consultants who do not understand the nature of the ground where they are working ; this local firm is headed by Agnes Francis who has worked in the industry and knows what

is happening in the industry, this awareness programme will deliver a message that could be different; it could be a message that St. Lucians could get accustomed to and understand."

The campaign is set to target all segments of society with the aim of stimulating greater understanding of the tourism sector, consequently leading to an improvement in the quality of service to visitors.

The campaign will be overseen by a four member team representing the St. Lucia Tourist Board, the St. Lucia Hotel and Tourism Association, the St. Lucia Heritage Tourism Program and the Government Information Service.

## A Call For Patience And Calm As Saint Lucia Implements New Travel Regulations

**A**s St. Lucia's two airports implement the latest set of international security measures arising out of the foiled attempt by terrorists to bomb a number of airlines en route from the United Kingdom to the United States, St. Lucian travellers have been called upon to exercise patience and calm in these trying circumstances. Minister for Tourism Honorable Philip J. Pierre said last Friday that he understands that such transitions can create feel-

ings of inconvenience and concern for locals and visitors alike; he added however that these were shocks the tourism industry cannot control.

"We received some correspondence about very stringent security measures. In that light, I want to implore Saint Lucians to be very patient because the delays will be long, since they are very stringent measures. You can't travel with any liquids, except medicines and baby formula. It's going to be a hassle. We want to ask Saint Lucians to be pa-

tient. I want to tell our visitors that this is not our making, it's a situation that we have no control over."

The much stiffer set of security measures will now require quick familiarization by travelers and the aviation sector who are expected to comply with over ten new regulations. Some of the items with which passengers can now travel in transparent hand luggage are, medication, pocket size wallets, identity cards, keys and travel documents. Items

such as baby formula and food are allowed along with sanitary essentials.

Meantime persons traveling to the US are informed that the United States Department of Homeland Security and Transportation Security Administration has advised that effective immediately, liquids or gels of any size will not be allowed on to planes. These include beverages, shampoo, skin lotion, toothpaste and hair gel. Such items may be transported in checked baggage only.

## Air Jamaica Congratulates New Director of Tourism

**G**eorge deMercado, senior executive of Air Jamaica, the Caribbean carrier has congratulated St. Lucia's new director of tourism, Maria Fowell.

"We offer the new director heartiest congratulations and we look forward to strengthening our relationship with St. Lucia and working closely with Mrs. Fowell in her new capacity," said Mr. deMercado.

Thanking Hilary Modeste, her predecessor, who has stepped down after nine years, for his outstanding service to his nation, deMercado added, "St. Lucia is a special destination for us at Air Jamaica, and together with the St. Lucia Tourist Board, the Ministry of Tourism and all of our travel and tourism stakeholders, we look forward to growing the market and boosting revenues beyond what has already been an encouraging summer season," he said.

Fowell, who served as deputy director of the St Lucia Tourist Board before taking up an appointment as Permanent

Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, said "I am very pleased to have taken up this position. It's a new personal challenge as there is great potential in tourism for St. Lucia, so I am looking forward to working with all of our partners, on island and overseas, to maximize that potential."

A graduate of the University of the West Indies and the University of Leicester, Fowell said St. Lucia has a good working relationship with Air Jamaica which she would like to see continue. "There are more opportunities to promote the destination jointly and I would like to continue doing that," she added.

In a statement welcoming the new director, Minister of Tourism Philip J. Pierre expressed confidence in Mrs. Fowell's ability to lead the Board into a new and innovative era. She has indicated that her first order of business is a review and assessment of the St. Lucia Tourist Board and to that end is in the process of meeting with its staff members.

Using state-of-the start Airbus A-320 aircraft, with 138 seats in economy and 12 in first class, Air Jamaica offers non-stop service from New York's JFK International Airport to St. Lucia on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays, departing New York at 7:00 a.m. and arriving in St. Lucia at 11:35 a.m. On the return leg, the airline departs St. Lucia at 6:35 p.m. and arrives in New York at 11:15 p.m.

Air Jamaica provides more non-stop flights to Jamaica than any other carrier with more than 270 flights per week from Atlanta, Baltimore/Washington, Chicago, Fort Lauderdale, Los Angeles, Miami, Newark, New York (JFK), Orlando, and Philadelphia in the United States; Toronto in Canada; and from London in the United Kingdom to Montego Bay and Kingston. Air Jamaica also offers non-stop service between New York (JFK) and Grenada.

Air Jamaica offers intra-regional service with flights between Jamaica and The Bahamas, Barbados, Bonaire, Cuba, Curaçao, Grand Cayman and St.



Maria Fowell Director of Tourism

Lucia. The airline's code share agreement with Delta Air Lines, its joint fare arrangements and compatible schedules with United Airlines, and other US carriers, extend its access to more than 150 cities within the continental United States.



# Statement on the Cuban Nursing Scholarship Programme for Saint Lucia



**Hon. Damian Greaves**  
Minister for Health, Human Services,  
Family Affairs and Gender Relations

**O**n Thursday, August 10th, 2006 I traveled to the Republic of Cuba for an official meeting with the Minister for Health of Cuba, technical personnel from that Ministry as well as the Director and staff of Nursing Instruction of the School of Nursing in Cuba.

Our main subject of discussion was the Registered Nursing Programme now being pursued by one hundred and eighty two (182) student nurses from Saint Lucia under a scholarship scheme funded by the Government of Cuba. Recently there has been some uncertainty and speculation about the nature and status of the qualifications the students would receive after they

*Following my discussions in Cuba, I wish to confirm that the studies being undertaken by the Saint Lucian nursing students in Cuba will make them eligible to sit the Caribbean Nursing Examination so that they can become Registered Nurses in Saint Lucia. This is exactly the same practice followed by nursing students at the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College. One cannot become a Registered Nurse in the Caribbean unless one successfully completes this Caribbean Regional Nursing Examination. Furthermore, an offer has been made by the Cuban Authorities for the student nurses to continue for an additional two (2) years of study in order to obtain a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing, should the students do well enough and should they express their desire to do so*

have completed their studies in the next three (3) years.

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I have requested and acquired a syllabus for the Nursing Programme which will be submitted to the General Nursing Council of Saint Lucia for its own assessment. The General Nursing Council will therefore ensure that the

programme in Cuba will be synchronized with what obtains at the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College.

A team comprising the General Nursing Council, the Saint Lucia Nurses Association, the Human Resource Department of the Ministry of Education, the Coordinator of the Health Science Division of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and the Principal Nursing Officer of the Ministry of Health will be visiting Cuba to hold discussions with the school regarding the training programme for our nurses.

It is essential to appreciate the importance of the Cuban nursing scholarships to Saint Lucia. As a result of space constraints and the shortage of qualified nursing tutors, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College can only train approximately twenty (20) nurses every three years. Consequently, in the circumstances where Saint Lucia faces a shortage of qualified nurses, the opportunity to be able to have almost two hundred (200) trained overseas within the same time period will be invaluable.

Let me now turn to the conditions

under which the nursing students live in Cuba. I held meetings with the students during my stay in Cuba and the majority HAS expressed their satisfaction with their circumstances, the manner in which the Cubans have treated them and they are eager to pursue their studies. However, there are fourteen (14) of them who for personal and family reasons, cannot continue the programme and will be returning to Saint Lucia. I will be meeting shortly with the parents of all the students to brief them on the situation in Cuba. They will be notified in writing of the date of this meeting.

In closing, let me once again assure the people of this country that the Ministry of Health and the Government are firm in their commitment to improve the quality of health care in Saint Lucia. I wish therefore to reiterate the deep appreciation of the Government of Saint Lucia to the Government and people of Cuba for the Cuban Nursing Scholarship Programme that allows us to pursue this commitment in the area of the human resource development of our health sector.



Some of the student nurses at a briefing prior to their departure for Cuba





**Hon. Calixte George**  
**Minister for Home Affairs and**  
**Internal Security**

**I** am very pleased to deliver some brief remarks to you on this very important day of your career.

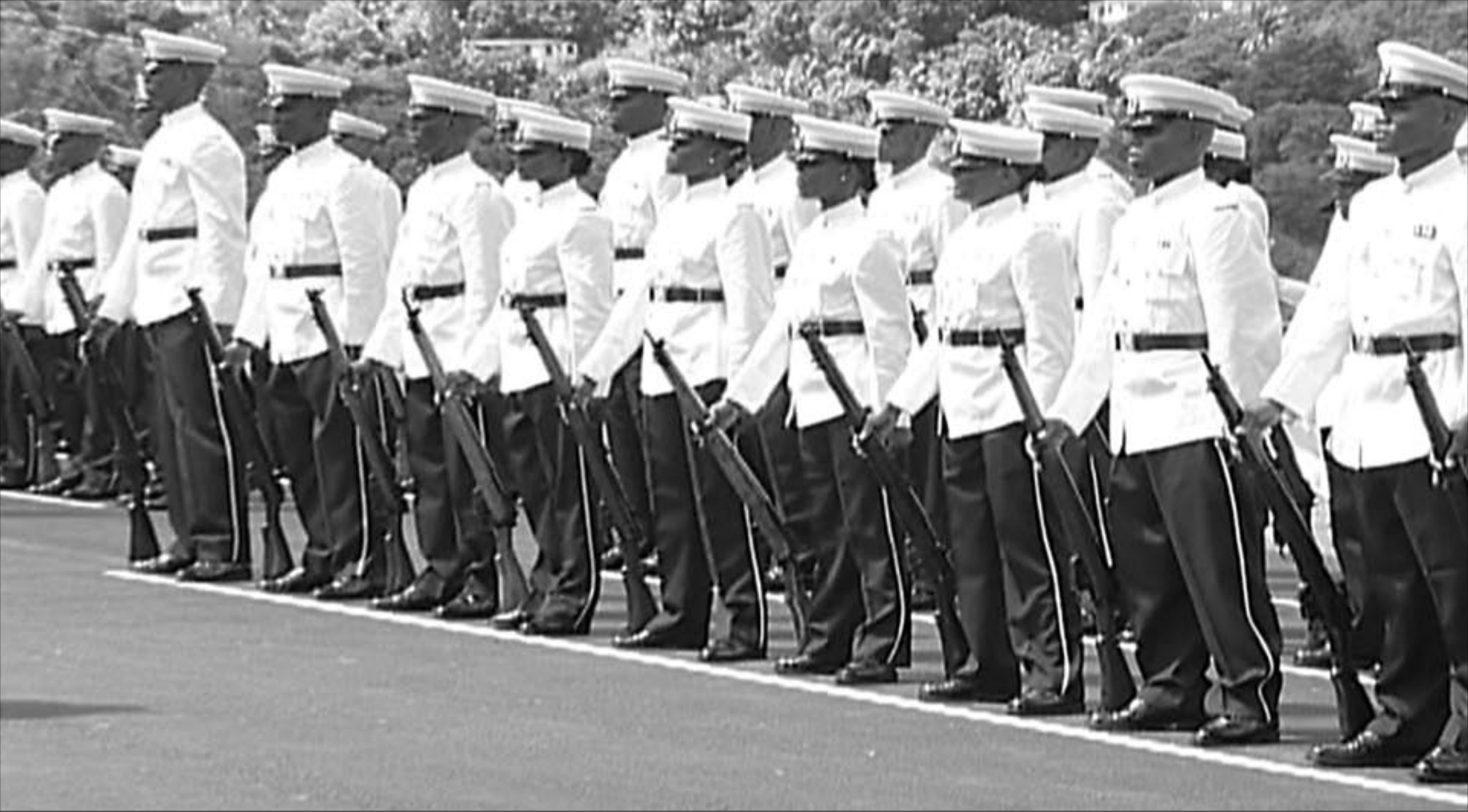
It is important because you must see it as a major milestone which you have achieved along your Police Road Map. The average age of your class is twenty-one years. A period in your Professional life upon which you can build a lot to become whatever you dreamed of.

Your Colleague upon whom the Baton of Honour has been bestowed; must see this as an opportunity given to that individual not to feel more important or better than the rest of you; but rather as an opportunity to help many others strengthen their weaker areas and to become better at rendering service to others.

It is important to be humble when we are blessed with special gifts and talents. I understand that to receive the Baton of Honour means that this individual was the best recruit – the individual who was the most outstanding in performance overall. We expect a lot from you and we expect that you will continue to support and assist your colleagues; and work effectively as a Team with the Officers with whom you will be working on your Shifts at whatever Police Station on other Operating Unit where you will be assigned. Treat your colleagues respectfully; and it is particularly important to maintain sincere relationships and be honest and truthful in your deliberations.

One of you have excelled as the most outstanding recruit in subjects relating to Police Duties and another excelled as the most outstanding recruit at the Military Training subjects. You two must see your reward as an opportunity, a blessing, I would say; to assist others; but not to feel bigger, or better than others. I implore you to start off on the right footing. Receive these blessings, with humility and remember that pride comes before a fall. I wish most sincerely to congratulate not only those who have received special awards but all of you who have completed your training here at the Police Academy. I urge you to maintain and make even better your achievements of high standards of excellence.

# **POLICE RECRUITS EXHORTED:** **DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND HONEST!** **REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL SECURITY TO THE POLICE RECRUITS GRADUATION CEREMONY COURSE #27 AT THE POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY LA TOC, CASTRIES FRIDAY, AUGUST 04, 2006**



**A section of the graduates**



**Key note speaker Justice Hugh Anthony Rawlins inspecting the Guard**

***This Government has spent more on accommodation; equipment, vehicles and salaries than any other Government. There are many challenges; but I continue to press on to ensure that Police Officers are rewarded fairly for the work they do and are appreciated for the risks they are exposed to; but I also insist that Police Officers must also play their part responsibly, efficiently and effectively***

Your talents, your wisdom and your knowledge must be used to make others better, to uplift others, not to destroy, denigrate or to laud yourselves over others. Your talents must be used for the service of all with whom you come into contact.

I am pleased that the highest Grade Point Average recorded for your Group is 3.8 out of a possible score of 4. The average for your group was 3.4 out of a possible 4. This is very good by University Standards and the service which you will provide to the numerous individuals in the various communities in which you will work must feel the impact of that level of performance.

As you are aware; you were selected through a new Selection Centre process which is fair, (not biased) and rigid. In other words you were chosen based strictly on your merit; on how you performed on the several Proficiency and other tests and processes which you were required to undertake.

During your Recruitment Process, the various exercises on which you were assessed paid special attention to your leadership skills, particularly with respect to the desirable characteristics of a good Supervisor; and Ethical Standards in particular as it relates to your integrity and honesty, and issues of fairness and equity.

Some of the other key issues which much attention was given to during your training was:-

Your professionalism and decision making skills.

Your communication skills particularly in your interaction with others and your Team Spirit. As well as your enthusiasm, pride and confidence; and your partnership with the community where you interacted.

You must therefore continue on that path; working with the highest standards of excellence; to reach the top. Reaching the top should only be achieved by doing what is proper, decent and honest. This is true for all of us; but moreso for you; who are required to uphold Law and Order with equity, fairness and justice.

I caution you Recruits; anything that is achieved by any other means, other than fairness and honesty, will eventually dissipate from your grasp; and it will happen when you least expect and in the strangest of ways. You must do what is right and honest at all times.

You will be faced with many challenges. That word temptation and that word money, when they attack those of us who are weak; disaster befalls us; corruption engulfs us and the Public cries foul. And the Public cries foul loud and clear.

You must cover and protect yourselves from the stench of corruption and this is why I have insisted that counseling services will be provided to Police Officers at all Ranks by persons specially selected with the highest level of integrity and with the strictest confidentiality.

Police Officers will also be exposed to Spiritual Development and that Process has already commenced. Just last week, your Senior Gazetted Officers and that included your Commissioner were exposed to the Spiritual Development Workshops.

Every Human Being is made up of a Body, Mind, and a Spirit and each of

these components must be well fed if we are to remain alive and well.

Anyone of those components that are not well fed will negatively affect the rest. I encourage you therefore, to continue feeding your mind, soul and body with only what is good.

I observe that about (27%) of you come from the extreme South, (18%) from Vieux-Fort and (9%) from Laborie. (19%) of your Group are also coming from the Micoud area. I am happy that increasingly since the commencement of the new Selection Centre Process, individuals from many more communities around the Island are represented within the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force. The system is no longer based on who you know in the Force.

This Government has spent more on accommodation; equipment, vehicles and salaries than any other Government. There are many challenges; but I continue to press on to ensure that Police Officers are rewarded fairly for the work they do and are appreciated for the risks they are exposed to; but I also insist that Police Officers must also play their part responsibly, efficiently and effectively.

I am told that some of your Parents have expressed their surprise to the Commandant of the Police Academy on the manner in which they observed you have matured and changed rapidly both in terms of your outlook in life, and your department of course; for the better. This is good feedback and I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Commandant, Inspector Amedee, Sergeant Nicholas and the rest of their team for their continued hard work.

Since this Labour Party Government came into Office in 1997, (9 years ago) a total of 455 Persons have been recruited to the Force.

Since my appointment over the past two (2) years as Minister for Home Affairs and Internal Security, one hundred and twenty-five (125) persons have been recruited. An additional (sixty-five) new recruits will commence their training on September 04, this very year.

We will also be training an additional one hundred and fifty Special Police Constables who will provide support to our Regular Police Officers during the Cricket World Cup which will be held here early next year. Training for the Special Police Constables will commence on October 22 this year.

With all what I have just said that Government is doing; and is continuing to do – the important element in all of this – is that unless and until you; and the rest of your colleagues ensure that your character is above all; sound and proper; the lack of respect and dignity and the poor image which we are working very hard to reverse for the Police Force will come to naught.

You must, like all of your colleagues ensure that your Character is sound and remains so. For it is only in that way you will be respected, your Office dignified and your image will shine brightly. Not as false gold but as good gold. I entreat you to shine as you commence your duties as new Police Officers.

I wish you all the best in your career and may God continue to bless you all. I thank you.



# Diabetes Pilot Project Targets The Private And Public Sectors

**T**he Diabetes Pilot Project is now moving into another stage of operation. The Pilot Project offers public screenings and free medication for the treatment of diabetes. At last count, nearly 15,000 persons have been screened.

While this is continuing at health centres and designated areas in various communities, the next stage is to target public sector department and private firms.

In this new phase, according to Ms. Emma Hippolyte, head of the UHC (UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE) (Universal Health Care) Steering Committee, it's a case of 'if they can't come to us, we will go to them.' She noted: "We are using this strategy because we know that in some instances - because of work schedules - it may not be convenient for employees when our screening teams are out there."

The new phase calls for visits to all government ministries and departments such as the police and fire services, etc.

Community health nurses have been mounting special programmes in their communities. In addition, screenings are done every day at the Castries City Hall and the Castries Market. The St. Lucia Diabetic and Hypertensive Association is also assisting in the screening drive.

The screening teams are already working at hotels. In order to ensure the majority of hotel workers are covered, the screening is available throughout to accommodate employees in the industry that uses the shift system.

Large private firms are presently being targeted but Ms. Hippolyte says by the end of the Pilot Project, every employee in every business house in St. Lucia would have been screened.

She says this project is important on several levels and the UHC (UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE) is determined that ensure that every St. Lucian gets tested for diabetes. She says the information gleaned from screenings is not only helping the UHC (UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE) but is also help St. Lucians know whether they need to make adjustments in the lifestyles that is better for their health.

Following the screening in private firms and public service agencies, the UHC will begin screening in all the nation's schools.

She says the UHC (UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE) also plans to work with professional and civic organisations so they too can get their members screened. Enquiries can be made to the UHC (UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE) Secretariat at 452-6756.



Emma Hippolyte

## CONTRACTORS BRIEFED ON NEW HOSPITAL BIDDING



Mr. Donovan Williams

**N**ational Authorising Officer for European Commission projects in St. Lucia, Donovan Williams, has advised contractors interested in bidding for the construction of a new National Hospital for Saint Lucia to make full use of the opportunities the bidding process will make available to them. Mr Williams made the suggestion during a pre-bid meeting and site visit on Wednesday with representatives of firms interested in bidding for the works contract. The company representatives were briefed on the design concept and the general requirements of the tendering procedure.

Mr. Williams told the contractors: "This meeting will give you an opportunity to seek clarification on is-



sues related to design and just as importantly, it will give you a physical appreciation of the characteristics of the site which is essential; and just as importantly it gives an opportunity to forge alliances, create some new networks particularly among locals, in terms of various components of the project ;so there are a number of opportunities available to you today. I want to urge you to maximise on these opportunities."

Mr. Williams also explained that

the new hopisital was the major component of government's vital reform of the health sector and for that reason, it was essential for contractor's to deliver a high qaulity product. "For us at the NAO and certainly from the perspective of the technical team that has been part and parcel of the development of this project, it is absolutely essential that we arrive at a quality product. That has to be our objective and so today's activity is really a major element of us being able

to achieve that because we basically believe that by convening this activity we will give you the prospective tenderers an opportunity to develop and produce for us a competitive and quality product. That is really what our aim is."

The deadline for tenders for the construction of the new National Hospital is 12 noon on October 11. In the meantime, work has already commenced on the access road to the new hospital site as pictured above.

## Solid Waste Management Authority Distributes Household Bins in Bruceville

**A** donation of 45 bins was recently made to residents of Vieux-Fort in a bid to encourage better management of household waste .The presentation of household bins made by the Saint Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority on Wednesday, 9th August, is expected to bring about a positive impact on

a community where the communal service had to be reviewed.

Education and Public Information Manager with the Authority, Emlyn Jean, says this is not the first time that the Authority has tackled waste management at the household level. Ms. Jean says residents responded positively to the initiative; however there were a limited number of bins

to go around.

"You really cannot go in and distribute bins to everybody and it's really those persons who live near the roadside who have the space and who are able to accommodate the bins who actually received bins. The Authority will continue to monitor that particular community. We're going to assess what has happened in the

next few weeks."

The 240 litre size bins are expected to provide sufficient capacity for twice weekly garbage collection service to that community. Similar donations of bins, sponsored by the Japanese and French Embassies respectively, have been undertaken in Marchand, Faux-a-Chaud, Barnard Hill and Conway.

# Cricket Legacy Expert Urges Immediate Action

The National Development Corporation (NDC) along with other key stakeholders on the island, have been strongly urged to accelerate the implementation phase of a major Cricket Legacy Strategy Project. The admonition has come from David Faulks, the Australian event legacy expert, who last year developed the Cricket Legacy Strategy for St. Lucia on behalf of the NDC. The Legacy Strategy is designed to allow St. Lucia to take advantage of the many possible spin-off benefits to be accrued from the region’s hosting of ICC Cricket World Cup in 2007.

Faulks, who has been consulting on legacy opportunities within the region over the past 18 months having worked previously on 6 major events around the world, is pushing for a mid September formal launch of the Legacy Programme in St. Lucia, including the rollout of NDC’s lead business initiatives – Caribbean Business Club, St Lucia (CBC) and Caribbean Business Opportunities Service (CBOS). “The platform is in place and we need to accelerate implementation through a 200-day campaign leading into the Cricket World Cup hosting period”, Faulks said during a 4 day as-

essment visit here last week.

NDC’s Chief Executive Officer Wayne Vitalis says the Strategy is a wonderful opportunity that will continue to yield benefits long after Cricket World Cup is gone. “It was easy to tie the Legacy Strategy to NDC’s overall mandate which is to facilitate economic development,” says Vitalis. There are a number of key steps that need to be put in place immediately if St. Lucia is to maximise its return from hosting the event. To achieve this, there needs to be clear implementation agreements put in place between key implementing agencies, including NDC, BOOST, the Ministry of Tourism and the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

According to Faulks, “I think everyone is basically on the same page, but we need to move immediately into operational mode in much the same way that the LOC is now in operational mode. A strengthened communication and awareness campaign is expected to be unveiled in the lead up to a formal launch.

Faulks says with the exception of a couple of key nodes of activity, the community is not adequately energised to the opportunities of the event. He has expressed shock that the CBOS recent

distribution of specific opportunities to supply products and services related to Cricket World Cup infrastructure has so far met with zero response. “And yet I still hear the business community saying what’s in it for me?” says Faulks.

He says there is either a lack of interest in the community itself or communication has been poor through implementing agencies. This, Faulks says can be and must be fixed immediately, if St. Lucia is to realise opportunities associated with the event. According to Vitalis, “A key component of the Strategy is the focus on creative industries in addition to the CBOS and the CBC.” The NDC he says is at an advanced stage of partnering with other stakeholders in breathing life into the Strategy.

The legacy expert was impressed with NDC’s partnership collaboration with JAMPRO in Jamaica as it pertains to CBOS and Caribbean Business Club (CDC), which he says would help to fast-track implementation and would also provide additional cross-marketing opportunities in Jamaica related to the event. “This is a long term strategy towards an impressive Vision for 2015, and we have the opportunity to catalyse significant positive impact for St Lucia – but



Mr. David Faulks

we must start now,” says Faulks. He was also impressed that the LOC had activated the Community Branding Project, Volunteer and Customer Service training and a special events development group.

“The overall programme is far reaching and I look forward to being part of the launch and implementation phase in the next few weeks” he said.

## Youth Department Hosts Successful Youth Summer Day Camp

The Department of Youth and Sports last Thursday brought the curtains down on the 2006 Summer Day Camp for children ages 7-12 years. The one -week program which took place at the Vigie Complex was organised in collaboration with the Castries Central and Babonneau districts and the Sandals Regency. Youth and Sports Officer Anselma Calderon who

was responsible for the summer program said organizers were satisfied with the impact its has had on participants.

“The objective of the camp was to provide wholesome developmental activities for our youth during their Summer vacation, to introduce the participants to the basic skills of 5 sporting disciplines, athletics, basketball, cricket and football and swimming, in order to

generate interest in one of these sports offered; to build relationship between youths of the participating districts and to expose our youths ages 7-12 to 12 to critical life skills necessary to meet the challenges of the day.”

The program was also designed to improve participants’ creativity through craft and their analytical and comprehension skills through fun reading. This

was done through two very interesting skills sessions, the first by the St. Lucia Red Cross with a captivating video that provided basic information on handling accidents at home and the second was by Ms Calderon who gave a very informative and fun filled delivery on healthy living. The 70 participants received certificates of participation.

VACANCY NOTICE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT  
PROJECT OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Applications are invited for the following vacancies: 1. PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

1.1 Duties and Tasks  
The successful applicant will have overall responsibility for Project implementation and specifically will be responsible for Policy and Strategy Formulation, Research and to coordinate/ manage work outsourced to IT vendors and consultants contracted to provide products and services with respect to: Network Infrastructure, Security, Website and database development and Technical Support.

1.2 Skills, Knowledge and Abilities: A comprehensive knowledge of the structure of the Public Service and the machinery of Government’s administrative policies and procedures; Ability to plan and organize work and prepare clear and concise reports; Ability to analyze issues, conduct research and recommend innovative approaches to the integration of ICT in Public Administration.

1.3 Qualifications and Experience: A University Degree in the area of Information Technology, including Network Engineering, Database Management and Systems Analysis. A Post-graduate degree and Business Process Analysis and Project Management Skills will be assets. Plus, A minimum of five (5) years working experience, of which, at least four (4) years should be at middle management level.

2. PROCESS AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

2.1 Duties and Tasks: The Process and Change Management Specialist will be responsible for Process Analysis and Reengineering and will provide support with respect to the implementation of IT-enabled change in the Public Service. The successful applicant will also be expected to conduct capacity building activities in Process Mapping, the preparation of Operational and Procedure Manuals and change management strategies and techniques.

2.2 Skills, Knowledge and Abilities: A comprehensive knowledge of the structure of the Public Service and the machinery of Government’s administrative policies and procedures; Ability to plan and organize work and prepare clear and concise reports; Ability to map and analyze business processes, conduct workflow analysis, conduct training and recommend innovative approaches for streamlining processes and procedures in the Public Service.

2.3 Qualifications and Experience: A Post-graduate University Degree in the area of Information Systems, including Change Management and Systems Analysis. Plus, A minimum of five (5) years working experience, of which, at least four (4) years should be in the area of business process analysis and IT-enabled change management.

3. WEBSITE AND DATABASE DEVELOPER

3.1 Duties and Tasks: The successful applicant will be responsible for website and database design and development activities, including linking back-end databases and systems to web sites, systems auditing of databases and systems; implementation of standards & policies for: Data Integrity & Recovery and Data Warehousing & Archiving. Duties will also include Domain Name Management: establishment of a Registry to manage the Top level/Country indicator (.lc) and function indicator (.gov); the implementation of policies and harmonized practices on hosting and management of government web sites; and the implementation of an Intranet.

3.2 Skills, Knowledge and Abilities: Knowledge of the structure of the Public Service and the machinery of Government’s administrative policies and procedures; Ability to plan and organize work and prepare clear and concise reports; Proven work of previous designed websites; Thorough knowledge of website layout design, development design, development languages and web server management; Ability to design, implement and maintain database schemas; design and develop database client applications and components; and perform database administration and maintenance.

3.3 Qualifications and Experience: A University Degree in the area of Computing, including Database Development and Website Design and Development. Plus, A minimum of four (4) years working experience, of which, at least two (2) years should be in the area of database and website design and development.

4. RESEARCH/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

4.1 Duties and Tasks: The successful applicant will assist with research activities, project administration, book-keeping functions, processing of payments, preparation of bank reconciliation statements and statements of expenditure.

4.2 Skills, Knowledge and Abilities: Familiarity with the machinery of Government’s administrative policies and procedures; Ability to plan and organize work and prepare clear and concise reports; Knowledge of book-keeping and basic accounting procedures; Ability to coordinate large-scale activities and events.

4.3 Qualifications and Experience: Two or more ‘A’ Levels Plus, High level of competence in the use of the following application software: word processing, spreadsheets, presentation and databases.

REMUNERATION: Successful applicants will be offered contracts for a period of twelve or eighteen months and will be paid a salary commensurate with his/her qualifications.

Applications along with certified copies of qualifications should be submitted to: The Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, Greaham Louisy Administrative Building, Waterfront, Castries, SAINT LUCIA, to reach him no later than August 31st, 2006.



**REBUILT MARCHAND SCHOOL TO OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER**



Work on the front and back of the main building.



**P**arents and staff and students of the Marchand Combined School have been assured that by the commencement of the new academic year, the government through the Ministry of Education will be in a position to deliver a newly rebuilt and refurbished building and compound. The CDB funded project, costing almost one million dollars, will see a complete overhauling of the school which is being built to also serve the Castries East area as a hurricane Shelter.

Youth and Sports officer Dominic Mathurin, who is supervising the proj-

ect says the ongoing works are extensive. "We were doing basic repairs at the school but we discovered, as we went through the system, that we have more damage than we thought so we had to take a little more time, a whole new floor, a whole new roof, in other words we had to build an entire new school, so we are taking care of Marchand. We are hoping Marchand will be ready come September."

Meanwhile Tourism Minister Phillip J Pierre, who is the Parliamentary Representative for Marchand and Castries East has said that he is confident that the contractors will deliver by August

28th. Mr. Pierre who was touring the school with the media earlier this week added that he is particularly pleased that the community will enjoy a more conducive learning environment than what existed previously.

"I'm very pleased that today the work that we promised in the Marchand School is happening. Our hope and our desire is to have it open for school. I want to thank the Minister and his staff particularly, Mr. Mathurin and his staff, for putting quite a bit of effort to get that school ready for September. I want to also thank the students and the parents and the teachers for their patience."

**Highway Improvement Leads To New WASCO Distribution Line**

As work continues to enlarge the Castries Gros Islet Highway, one of the side benefits which will arise from the project will be an improvement in the distribution of pipe borne water to some areas along the Highway. The road widening process has revealed that

the Water Company's 14 inch pipes forming its distribution line from the Vigie Field to the Choc Junction were very old and needed to be changed. Consequently, the road works have provided the opportunity to replace them and the new pipes have already been imported. The

pictures below shows some of the new 14 inch pipes which are stored near the Choc Cemetery at the start of the Nelson Mandela Drive. The other pictures show some of the road work in progress near the the Castries Comprehensive School.



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The Executive Director of WIBDECO discusses the latest issues pertaining to the banana industry – Sat. Aug. 19th, 11:00 a.m.  
Fish handling, storage and sale – where should we buy our fish? – Sun. Aug. 20th, 11:00 a.m.  
Repositioning Agriculture - Mon. Aug. 21st, 6:15 p.m.

How safe are you when you travel? What does Category 1 mean for the aviation industry - Tues. Aug. 22nd, 7:30 p.m.

Minister for Health meets the press to discuss issues pertaining to the Cuban Nursing Scholarship - Wed. Aug. 23rd, 9:00 p.m.

With an increase in construction of residences and hotels, the experts discuss the possible impact on the country's water resources – Thurs. Aug. 24th, 8:00 p.m.

Every dollar counts. Get the tips to invest smartly for the future – Fri. Aug. 25th, 6:30 p.m.

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GIS News Breaks and Kweyol News daily from 6:30 p.m.  
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