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NCF APPEALING TO PERSONS TO SHARE LANDSHIP MEMORIES

In recognition of the 155th Anniversary of the Landship Movement in Barbados, the Ministry of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports, through the **Landship Sites of Memory Project**, has embarked on a community-based programme.

It is designed to recognize and safeguard the rich heritage of the Barbados Landship and its Docks.

Iron Duke, Cornwall, Queen Victoria and Sydney are just a few of the Landship Docks that were once numerous across the island.

Docks, which are headquarters of a Landship, are usually small chattel house structures that were typical of black working class homes in Barbados. They served as a hub of activity for the community where members met on Friday nights, paid their dues, and conducted Landship business.

The Landship is best known today for its festive public display at cultural functions. However, knowledge of their roles as "friendly societies", complete with 'meeting turns' (collective savings), community counselling and as outposts of village welfare has nearly disappeared.

The National Cultural Foundation (NCF), in association with the Barbados Landship, is conducting a mapping exercise to locate the precise sites of former Docks, and will oversee the installation of plaques at 17 locations across the island. They will also be collecting stories about the various Docks.

Persons who have memories of Docks, such as the Iron Duke in Licorish Village; The Despatch in Newcastle, St John; the Cornwall in Carrington Village or any others, are asked to contact Cultural Officer for Research and Documentation at the NCF, Michelle Springer by calling 417-6628, or emailing michelle-springer@ncf.bb.

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PRIVATE SECTOR CRITICAL TO BERT'S SUCCESS

The ability of Barbados to earn foreign exchange is critical to achieving the objectives of the BERT programme, and the role of the private sector will be important in this process.

Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, Sandra Husbands, made this comment recently, as she delivered the feature address at the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry's (BCCI) breakfast meeting at Hilton Barbados.

"As governments, we set ourselves goals which are aimed at achieving sustainable development as it relates to the economy, people and social services. None of these is achievable without the involvement and participation of the private sector. The much needed revenue, which underpins these activities, is derived primarily from the activities of the private sector and in some instances, from our development partners. The latter may come at a cost on some occasions, a cost that the country of Barbados can ill-afford at this time," the Minister stated.

Acknowledging that it was the private sector which traded and not government, Ms. Husbands noted that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade worked closely with this sector.

"The Ministry has had a long and successful relationship with the private sector and its business support organizations in the advancement and formulation of Barbados' international trade policy, and I look forward to this partnership continuing well into the future. I am pleased to inform that this partnership includes the participation of the private sector in Barbados' delegation to domestic and external meetings," Minister Husbands stated. **(SP/BGIS)**

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MINISTERS' DIARY

Saturday, March 2

4:45 p.m.

Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley will present the trophy to the winning owner of the Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup at the Garrison Savannah.

7:00 p.m.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Dale Marshall, will deliver remarks at the Crime Stoppers Barbados 10th anniversary cocktail reception at the Southern Palms Resort and Spa, St. Lawrence Gap, Christ Church.

Sunday, March 3

6:00 p.m.

Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations, Colin Jordan, will deliver brief remarks and present awards. after the Walk for HIV Awareness organized by the Labour Department at Warrens Office Complex, Warrens, St. Michael.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

9:15 a.m.

Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations, Colin Jordan, will tour BADMC at the Grantley Adams Industrial Estate, Seawell, Christ Church.

10:15 a.m.

Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations, Colin Jordan, will host a press briefing outside the BADMC, at Grantley Adams Industrial Estate, Seawell, Christ Church.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S DIARY

Saturday, 2 March

2:30 p.m.

- Her Excellency the Governor-General will attend the 38th running of the Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup, at the Garrison Savannah.

Tuesday, 5 March

11:00 a.m.

- Her Excellency the Governor-General will visit Centenarian, Mrs. Dorothy Elaine Cumberbatch, at 71A Regency Park, Christ Church.

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HOSPITAL PHARMACY TO OPEN THIS WEEKEND

The public is advised that the out-patients section of the pharmacy at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) will be opened this weekend at its relocated site, the Infectious Disease Building, Enmore, Martindales Road, St. Michael.

The out-patient dispensing services were relocated to Enmore from February 25, to facilitate industrial cleaning of the Pharmacy Department. The department will remain closed on Monday, March 4, and Tuesday, March 5, to facilitate the return to its designated area at the hospital.

The QEH is offering the extended dispensing service on Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to ensure that patients with repeat prescriptions to be filled on or before Monday receive their medication.

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All dispensing services will recommence from the Pharmacy Department at the QEH on Wednesday, March 6.

Patients are reminded that they should have at minimum a seven-day supply of prescribed medication. They are further reminded that QEH prescriptions may be filled at their nearest polyclinic. **(JS/BGIS)**

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COASTAL HAZARDS & EARTHQUAKE SMART MONTH LAUNCHED

The Tsunami and Earthquake Smart Month celebrated in March has taken on a new name from this year.

The month of activities, traditionally used to highlight earthquake and tsunami hazards, will now have a broader focus under the new name - Coastal Hazards and Earthquake Smart Month.

Director of the Coastal Zone Management Unit (CZMU), Dr. Leo Brewster, explained that the change was made to reflect a recognition of the wider set of hazards that threaten the island's coastlines.

"While there is acute awareness of the powerful threat of tsunamis, we must also consider more frequent hazards such as storm surge and winter swells, which can be devastatingly destructive to property and livelihoods," he said.

Dr. Brewster was speaking during this year's launch of a month of activities being celebrated under the theme: **Safety and Security of the Blue Economy** at the Barbados Coast Guard's (BCG) HMBS Pelican base today.

He noted that the coastal zone was a vital area for Barbados - environmentally, economically, socially and culturally. He added that it underpinned the tourism sector, which was Barbados' main economic earning, and was a source of livelihood for many coastal communities.

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However, he pointed out that from a resilience perspective, there were many factors within the coastal region that influenced the vulnerability of the country to the impact of hazards.

“Most of our critical national infrastructure such as power generation, fire response and medical services are located along or near to the coast making them also vulnerable to the impact of coastal hazards,” the Director said.

He added that the eco-system services, such as coral reefs and mangrove forests that form effective natural protection against hazards impacts, especially those caused by wind hazards, were also taken into consideration under the coastal zone.

Speaking to primary and secondary school students, Dr. Brewster said the development of the blue economy must therefore be grounded in a resilience perspective that mitigates risks, ensures that there are sound preparedness and response mechanisms, including robust early warning systems; and positions key sectors to recover quickly from any disaster.

Today’s opening ceremony was followed by an open day where students were allowed to tour the BCG Pelican Base and the Trident. They also had an opportunity to tour various booths, which highlighted various aspects of disaster management, the making of fish nets, coastal careers, the work of the Barbados Fire Service and live demonstrations by members of the BCG. **(JRB/BGIS)**

ATTENTION NEWS EDITOR:

AS PART OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE THE RODENT POPULATION ON THE ISLAND, THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS HAS JOINED FORCES WITH THE ST. MARGARET’S PRIMARY SCHOOL TO PRODUCE A JINGLE.

THE JINGLE WILL BE RECORDED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, AT AIRBORNE STUDIO, LOCATED AT #106 LAMMINGS PARK, ST. JOSEPH, AT 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THIS EVENT.

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SPBMP NEEDED TO TEACH POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FROM EARLY

The immediate past principal of the Olga Millar Nursery School, Mrs. Wendy Small, has taken issue with the belief that the Schools Positive Behaviour Management Programme (SPBMP) should not be introduced in nursery schools.

Speaking at the launch of the SPBMP, an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training and UNICEF, at the Six Roads, St. Philip nursery school this morning, Mrs. Small asserted that the comment, which she said was espoused by a local broadcaster, came from a place of ignorance.

“Apparently, the broadcaster is of the opinion that Positive Management Programmes are for higher levels, but we know that we must train our children from early, so that when they are old they will not depart from the morals and values taught in their youth. You cannot bend a tree when it is old. If media workers do not know or understand what educators are doing in their various institutions they should ask, rather than assume and disseminate false information,” she told the audience, which comprised students, teachers and parents.

The veteran educator pointed out that the SPBMP could be tailored for children at all levels of the education system according to the age and needs of the students. She, however, noted that discipline began long before a child reached nursery school and started with parents, not the nursery or primary school teachers.

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The retired educator cited the surge in deviant behaviour and the recent findings of research done by the Criminal Justice Research Planning Unit as justification for a programme like the SPBMP.

“This morning we officially launch the Schools Positive Behaviour Management Programme. We are well aware of the decline in morals and values in our society. We are facing some troubling challenges in our country. Just look at the way our students and young adults are behaving. It is frightening and we have to take action now to bring our society back from this dilemma.

“Since the beginning of the year, there has been a murder or some unnatural death.... Gun violence seems to be rampant. Children are breaking school rules and many of them are displaying deviant behaviour.... Action must be taken sooner rather than later if we are to rescue our youth and pull beautiful Barbados [back] from the lawlessness pervading our island home,” she emphasized.

Mrs. Small stated that as a country “we cannot throw our hands in the air or point fingers”, but instead do whatever it takes to return Barbados to a place where respect for life, law and order are once more hallmarks of society.

She said the programme had a number of benefits for nursery schools which included a reduction in the time teachers spent dealing with behavioural challenges; increased time on tasks which lead to more time for the teaching and learning process; the creation of student-friendly classrooms; parents’ involvement in the education of their children and provision is made for Health and Family Life Education to be taught using a variety of age appropriate methods.

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She explained that as the programme was rolled out, teachers would embrace different strategies and reward systems to guide their students towards self-discipline and to adopt positive attitudes which would lead them to succeed in their school work and in life.

“As we launch this programme, it is our aim to develop self-discipline in our students and help them to set standards which will help them to be responsible for their behaviour and actions. In other words, we want to develop in our students the ability to behave and work in a controlled manner that teaching and learning can be optimized throughout their lives.”

New Anglican Bishop Michael Maxwell, a friend of the school, was also on hand to speak to, and encourage the children to exhibit positive behaviour at all times. Using the word ‘LIGHT’ as an acronym meaning Love, Innocent, God, Helpful and Truth, he urged the pupils to let their light shine every day.

“If you are going to let your light shine, if you are going to shine every day and if you are going to soar in good behaviour then you have to let the light shine. You have to love, keep innocent, love God – He must be the centre of your lives - you have to be helpful and you have to tell the truth. Wherever you go, whether it is to your primary and secondary school, you must continue to be well-behaved boys and girls,” he urged. **(MR/BGIS)**