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Jamaica Library Service and Ministry of Labour sign MOU to strengthen access to labour market information



(Centre): Hon. Rev. Ronald G. Thwaites, Minister of Education accepts a copy of the signed MOU between JLS/LMIS from Hon. Fenton Ferguson, Minister of Labour and Social Security. Looking on are: (Left) Karen Barton, Director General, Jamaica Library Service, Paul Lalor, Chairman, Jamaica Library Board and (Right) Colette Roberts Ridsen, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

Jamaica Library Service, an Agency of the Ministry of Education recently inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in partnership with the Ministry of Labour & Social Security which will enable library users throughout the 118 public library networks as well as the 374 communities served by the mobile library network to access the Labour Market Information System (LMIS).

In addressing the audience at the ceremony, Karen Barton, Director General of the Jamaica Library Service said “ The JLS has a large number of users interested in local labour, employment information and resources and are often unaware of the provisions that can help them to expand employment opportunities as well as provide data for employers ”. She further reiterated that this undertaking is also in keeping with the mandate and mission of the Jamaica Library Service to inform the Jamaican populace; to enrich individual experiences and engender community development.

Minister of Labour & Social Security, Hon. Dr. Fenton Ferguson in his main address indicated that the LMIS is a one-stop data and information resource centre aimed at satisfying the needs of jobseekers through the utilization of technology. In addition, he also lauded the Jamaica Library Service for being forward thinking in transforming the lives of communities through the implementation of the various programmes and services.

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