**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

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**JADCO SAMSUNG TABLETS HANDOVER CEREMONY**

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF THE SAMSUNG GALAXY DEVICES TO OUR JUNIOR ATHLETES FROM REGION ONE AS WELL AS STUDENT ATHLETES FROM THE ENSOM CITY AND ELTHAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

### JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER ONCE SAID AND I QUOTE,

### *“THINK OF GIVING NOT AS A DUTY BUT AS A PRIVILEGE.”*

IT IS INDEED A PRIVILEGE TO ASSIST OUR NATION DURING THIS PANDEMIC. THE JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION’S 2020 SERIES OF THE JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS WERE HELD VIRTUALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM. THESE WORKSHOPS WERE HELD DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR FOUR REGIONS ACROSS THE ISLAND.

THEREFORE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASSIST WITH THE FACILITATION OF ONLINE LEARNING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE COMMISSION TOOK A DECISION TO AWARD THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH THE MOST PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH OF THE FOUR REGIONS WITH SAMSUNG TABLETS.

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC THE WORKSHOPS WERE NOT HELD FACE TO FACE AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THEREFORE WE DID NOT REQUIRE THE USUAL PROVISIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND DRINK. WITH THIS, THE COMMISSION WAS ABLE TO PURCHASE A TOTAL OF 170 SAMSUNG TABLETS FROM THE BUDGET THAT IS ALLOCATED TO THE ANNUAL JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS.

ADDITIONALLY, AS A PART OF JADCO’S EFFORT TO EDUCATE STUDENT ATHLETES ABOUT ANTI-DOPING BOTH ENSOM CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ELTHAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE SAMSUNG DEVICES. THIS FORMS PART OF JADCO’S EFFORT TO GET ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION ON THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND INFORMATION’S SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

I AM ALSO HAPPY TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT THE DEVICES ARE OF THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AND MEETS THE CRITERIA SET OUT BY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND INFORMATION. THE SAMSUNG TABLETS BOASTS A MEMORY CARD AND SIM CARD SLOT, THE JADCO BROCHURES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED THROUGH A PDF VIEWER APPLICATION AND THE JADCO WEBSITE HAS BEEN SET AS THE DEFAULT HOMEPAGE. UNDOUBTEDLY THIS INITIATIVE WILL BECOME A SIGNIFICANT PART OF JADCO’S HISTORY.

ON THAT NOTE, I WANT TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THE COMMISSION’S RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS BUT BEFORE I DO,

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER AND PHILOSOPHER, ALBERT CAMUS ONCE SAID,

**“EVERY ACHIEVEMENT IS SERVITUDE. IT COMPELS US TO HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT.”**

THE JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION IS AWARE OF THIS AND DURING 2020 WE HAD MANY ACHIEVEMENTS DESPITE THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

THESE ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE THE OPENING OF A NEW JADCO OFFICE WHICH MEETS INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. THE OFFICE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE MINISTER OF SPORT, THE HONOURABLE OLIVIA GRANGE ON JUNE 11, 2020. THIS NEW OFFICE SPACE IS 6, 299 SQUARE FEET AND BOASTS A DISABLED-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT WITH WHEEL CHAIR RAMPS AND BATHROOM FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE OUR DISABLED ATHLETES.

AS YOU ENTERED THE COMPLEX TODAY, YOU WOULD HAVE NOTICED OUR SPORT MURAL WHICH WAS CREATED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE COMMISSION IS DETERMINED TO INCLUDE ALL SPORTING DISCIPLINES AND FORGE BETTER PARTNERSHIPS, WHILE MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF SPORT. WE WANT TO BE SEEN AS AN INCLUSIVE GOVERNING BODY.

JADCO HAS ALSO EXPANDED ITS OPERATIONS WITH THE ADDITION OF A:

* DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION
* RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGER
* CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER
* AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION OFFICER
* CUSTODIAN AND
* DRIVER

ANOTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT IS OUR MOBILE TESTING UNIT. THIS RETROFITTED UNIT WAS OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER TO THE COMMISSION, BY OUR MINISTER OF SPORT IN A CEREMONY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. I MUST USE THIS PLATFORM TO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FROM OUR MINISTER. SHE ALWAYS MAKES HERSELF AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE COMMISSION AND ADVANCE THE NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME.

THE MOBILE TESTING UNIT IS ALSO DISABLED-FRIENDLY, CONSISTING OF WHEELCHAIR RAMPS, SUPPORT RAILINGS, RESTROOMS FOR DOPING CONTROL, WAITING AREAS TO ACCOMMODATE ATHLETES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND STORAGE AREAS.

MOREOVER, THIS UNIT WILL ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT MORE IN-COMPETITION AND OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTS IN REMOTE LOCATIONS AND INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME. IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND US, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE MOBILE TESTING UNIT **HAS ALREADY INCREASED THE TESTING CAPACITY OF THE ORGANISATION.**

AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC WE HAVE ADJUSTED THE WAY THE DOPING CONTROL PROCESS IS ADMINISTERED WHILE ADHERING TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR TESTING AND INVESTIGATIONS. OUR SAMPLE COLLECTION PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO:

* COMPLETE THE JADCO COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE
* FOLLOW THE GENERAL COVID-19 TESTING GUIDELINES
* WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) SUCH AS FACE MASK AND OR FACE SHIELD, DISPOSABLE GLOVES AND ISOLATION GOWNS THROUGHOUT THE SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCESS

THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO:

* USE A HANDHELD THERMOMETER
* SANITISE SURFACES USED FOR TESTING
* PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING TESTING, WHEN PRACTICAL AND POSSIBLE AND
* WASH/SANITISE THEIR HANDS

IN ADDITION, WHILE ADHERING TO SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS THE SAMPLE COLLECTION PERSONNEL WILL PROVIDE THE ATHLETE WITH THEIR ACCREDITATION, IDS, AUTHORISATION LETTER AND THE ‘COVID-19 ATHLETE INFORMATION LETTER. OUR SAMPLE COLLECTION PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO TRY AND REMAIN OUTSIDE THE ATHLETE’S HOME.

THE COMMISSION IS ON A MISSION TO REBRAND ITS PUBLIC IMAGE. AS A RESULT WE HAVE INCREASED OUR ADVERTISEMENT BY BRANDING JUTC BUSES, BUS SHELTERS AND BILLBOARDS. TODAY’S PROCEEDINGS WILL SERVE TO IMPROVE THE NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME AS WE CONTINUE TO FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIPS.

IN ADDITION TO THE PROCEEDINGS TODAY, JADCO BRANDED MEMORABILIA WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS THAT JOINED THE WORKSHOPS ONLINE. THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH A SERIES OF VISITS TO THE DIFFERENT SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ISLAND WIDE.

**I WANT TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND SPECIAL WELCOME TO:**

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AMERICAN BASKETBALL PLAYER AND COACH, JOHN WOODEN POSITS,

**“IF WE FAIL TO ADAPT, WE FAIL TO MOVE FORWARD.”**

AS WE MOVE FORWARD THIS YEAR, SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WILL OCCUR AND OUR CHAIRMAN, MR. ALEXANDER WILLIAMS WILL INFORM YOU ABOUT SOME OF THESE CHANGES IN HIS OVERVIEW DELIVERY.

LET US CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP SPORT CLEAN SO WE CAN ACHIEVE A SUCCESSFUL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME. KEEP SAFE, HAVE A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AND GOD BLESS YOU.

THANK YOU.