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COMMISSION

JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP

JAMAICA CONFERENCE CENTRE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

MRS. SUZETTE ISON, ACTING SENIOR DIRECTOR, SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT, DR. BRIAN KAZAARA, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE JAMAICA MEDICAL DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (JMMDA), TEACHERS, COACHES, PARENTS, SUPPORT PERSONNEL, MEMBERS OF THE JADCO TEAM AND MOST IMPORTANTLY OUR STUDENT ATHLETES. GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE FIRST IN THE SERIES OF JADCO'S 2018 JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS.

IT WAS HELEN HAYES WHO ONCE SAID, "THE EXPERT IN ANYTHING WAS ONCE A BEGINNER." ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION (JADCO) IS FOR ALL ATHLETES TO BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ANTI-DOPING RULES BEFORE THEY BECOME PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES. FOR THIS REASON WE HAVE BEEN HOSTING THESE WORKSHOPS ANNUALLY SINCE 2014 AND I AM PROUD TO BE STANDING HERE WITH YOU TODAY AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP.

CAN YOU GIVE YOURSELVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR SUPPORTING THIS ACTIVITY FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

THIS WORKSHOP AIMS TO HIGHLIGHT OUR JINGLE COMPETITION AS WELL AS COMMEMORATE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY WHICH IS BEING HELD UNDER THE THEME, **“KEEPING SPORT CLEAN, FORGING BETTER PARTNERSHIPS.”** WE AT JADCO ARE COMMITTED TO FORGING BETTER PARTNERSHIPS AS IT IS OUR DESIRE TO SERVE YOU BETTER.

OUR COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES BEGAN ON SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018 WITH OUR DECENNIAL CHURCH SERVICE AT THE SAINT ANDREW’S SCOTS KIRK UNITED CHURCH. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY OUR DECENNIAL GALA WHICH WAS HELD AT THE TERRA NOVA ALL-SUITE HOTEL IN KINGSTON ON THE DAY OF OUR ANNIVERSARY JULY 25, 2018.

TODAY WE ARE HERE WITH YOU AT THE JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP, WHICH IS A PART OF OUR COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES. THIS WORKSHOP WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THREE LOCATIONS ISLAND WIDE. NEXT WEEK WE WILL TRAVEL TO MANCHESTER, THE WEEK AFTER THAT WE WILL BE IN MONTEGO BAY AND WE WILL CONCLUDE THE SERIES IN THE PARISH OF ST. ANN. THESE WORKSHOPS WERE DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND.

THROUGHOUT THE PAST DECADE WE HAVE WORKED ASSIDUOUSLY TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMISSION REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT. WE AT JADCO ARE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE YEARS. MOST NOTABLE OF WHICH IS THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR TESTING PROGRAMME.

- JADCO CONTINUES TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF SPORT WITH THE TESTING OF ATHLETES AND THIS IS BEING DONE ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE.
- DURING JUNE 2015, WE INSTITUTED BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION AS PART OF OUR DOPING CONTROL PROCESS. THIS HAS ENABLED THE COMMISSION TO DETECT A WIDER RANGE OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND METHODS.

WE ARE REBRANDING OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMME:

- THE COMMISSION EDUCATES ATHLETES AND THEIR SUPPORT PERSONNEL WITH INFORMATION ON ANTI-DOPING AND WE HAVE ALSO INCORPORATED VALUES-BASED EDUCATION IN OUR PROGRAMMES.
- APART FROM THE JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS WE HAVE BEEN HOSTING THE SENIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP ANNUALLY SINCE 2014.
- WE ALSO HOST THE JADCO SYMPOSIUM AND JADCO SCHOOL TOUR ANNUALLY.

PLEASE INDICATE BY A SHOW OF HANDS IF JADCO HAS ALREADY VISITED YOUR SCHOOL.

THE COMMISSION ALSO HOSTS WORKSHOPS FOR FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND SETS UP A JADCO BOOTH AT

SEVERAL SPORTING EVENTS. WE WANT YOU TO SEE JADCO AS FRIENDS AND NOT AS AN ENEMY.

JADCO'S IMPACT CONTINUES TO BE FAR-REACHING. WE PROVIDE ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY THROUGH OUR:

- JADCO AND YOU TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMES
- OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, TRUE SPIRIT
- OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

ATHLETES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL, THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR SCHEDULE TO JOIN US HERE TODAY. WE CANNOT ACHIEVE OUR MANDATE WITHOUT YOU ATHLETES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL. YOU ALL NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE RULES GOVERNING ANTI-DOPING IN SPORT. THEREFORE, A WORKSHOP OF THIS NATURE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LISTEN ATTENTIVELY, ASK QUESTIONS AND WHEN YOU LEAVE HERE TODAY MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED WITH OTHERS FROM YOUR SCHOOL AND YOUR COMMUNITY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP.

DURING LAST YEAR'S SERIES OF WORKSHOPS, WE AWARDED THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE JADCO POSTER COMPETITION AND REVEALED THE WINNING DESIGNS. TODAY AS A PART OF OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WE WILL BE LAUNCHING THE 2018-2019 JADCO JINGLE COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY

SCHOOLS. THIS COMPETITION WILL BRING OUT YOUR CREATIVITY NOT JUST ON THE FIELD BUT ALSO ACADEMICALLY.

THE COMPETITION IS DESIGNED:

- TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE COMMISSION'S ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT WITHIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.
- THE COMPETITION WILL ENGAGE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETES ISLAND-WIDE IN A CONTEST WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ENTRIES THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN PROTECT CLEAN SPORT IN JAMAICA IS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS. HERE AT JADCO WE ARE ON A NEW PATH TO FORGE BETTER PARTNERSHIPS. AS A RESULT, WE WISH TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ATHLETES AND THEIR SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND MORE SO, OUR JUNIOR ATHLETES. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO CONTINUE TO PLAY YOUR PART IN THE PROCESS. I HOPE THIS WORKSHOP WILL IMPROVE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF ANTI-DOPING RULES AND YOU WILL LEAVE HERE TODAY EVEN MORE COMMITTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT. IT WAS HELEN KELLER WHO ONCE SAID AND I QUOTE, "ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH." LET US THEREFORE WORK TOGETHER TO ADVANCE THE BUSINESS OF SPORT AND ON THIS NOTE I SAY THANK YOU.