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STATIN launched

Exhibition: "***The Role of Statistics in the Development of Jamaica***"

at

UWI, Main Library, Mona

On Friday, October 14, 2011 Jamaica joined the rest of the Caribbean in observing **Caribbean Statistics Day** under the theme "***Recognising the Essential Role of Statistics in the Development of the Caribbean Community.***"

In observance of the day the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, the agency responsible for the production and dissemination of statistical information in Jamaica opened an Exhibition: "***The Role of Statistics in the Development of Jamaica***" at the University of the West Indies, Main Library (Multi Purpose Room), Mona. The exhibition was opened by Dr. Michael Witter, Senior Fellow, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES). In his opening message "Role of Statistics in the Development of Jamaica Dr. Witter reiterated the need to use data in decision making and encouraged students, academia and the members of the private sector to use data to support their research, decisions and policy making. Dr Witter also challenged STATIN to use innovative and creative ways to keep the students interested in statistics and data collection.

The rationale for the observance of Statistics Day is to highlight statistics and its crucial role across a wide spectrum of activities – from daily decision-making faced by individuals, businesses, students etc. to planning, monitoring, evaluating, policy-making and analysis and research activities of governments, academia and other users.

It is expected that the observance of Caribbean Statistics Day would lead to improved awareness of statistics, promote the use of statistics in a wide variety of areas, increased credibility in the statistics produced, and establish new partnerships in the development of statistics to name a few.

The Exhibition will remain for viewing in the Catalogue Hall, UWI, Main Library until October 21st.