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JAPANESE NAVAL SQUADRON VISITS PORT OF SPAIN



Ag. GM/CEO, Charmaine Lewis, presents a book to Rear Admiral Commander Yuasa

A Japanese Training Squadron, comprising three naval vessels, docked at the Port of Port of Spain over the period July 21 - 24. On board were 718 officers and sailors, including 169 officer-trainees who were commissioned in March 2014.



Rear Admiral Yuasa gives the thumbs-up for the chicken roti

Rear Admiral Commander Yuasa of the JS Kashima, accompanied by two of his officers, paid a courtesy visit to the Port where he exchanged gifts with the Ag. GM/CEO. The three visitors were also able to enjoy some rotis during the visit, and they gave the thumbs-up to the local treat.

At a cocktail reception held aboard the 'J S Kashima' on the second evening of the ships' arrival, guests were welcomed by a guard of honour lined up on the quay. Among the guests were PATT's Deputy Chairman, Suresh Gangapersad and Ag. GM/CEO, Charmaine Lewis. Dignitaries present included Acting Prime Minister Errol McLeod, Chief Justice Ivor Archie, Ministers Tim Gopeesingh and Stephen Cadiz, and Japanese Ambassador Yoshima Tezuka. Guests were treated to a fine array of Japanese foods such as roasted meats, tempura and sushi.

The visit of the squadron was a precursor to the arrival of the Japanese Prime Minister who visited Trinidad and Tobago ten days later, which was the first time that a Japanese Prime Minister visited the Caribbean region. The squadron's visit was also symbolic of the 50th anniversary celebration of diplomatic ties between T&T and Japan.

The three ships, the 'JS Kashima', the 'JS Setoyuki' and the 'JS Asagiri' departed Port of Spain on July 24th to continue its training cruise, which included visits to 25 ports in 13 countries. Port of Spain was the squadron's fifth port of call.

On-Going Training on the Terminal

Some terminal employees are presently engaged in an on-going training programme that will equip them with the necessary skills to serve in the capacity of Stevedore, Longshoreman and Gearman. It is part of the Port's initiative to ensure that there is a complement of

competent workers available to replace those who are due to retire in the near future.



View of PPOS terminal

Safety is a major aspect of the programme with a module dedicated to the discipline. It is a five-day programme, consisting of a classroom session and a practical session. The latter is designed to introduce participants to the various pieces of equipment, as well as the practical skill of lashing and unlashng containers. On the final day, participants are taken on an orientation tour conducted by senior Managers of the Operations division.

Training is done in groups of 18 persons with a new programme commencing fortnightly. Four trainers have been selected to conduct the programmes: Haniff Taylor, Ancil Cambridge, Jerry Noray and Ricky Taylor. The trainees are in good hands since each of these trainers has over 35 years service in the Stevedore and Longshore field.

Accident / Incident Reporting and Investigation

(From the Health, Safety and Environment Department)

Accidents are typically caused by the failure of people, equipment, supplies, or surroundings to behave or react as expected. Accident investigations determine how and why these failures occur and the resulting information gained is critical to the development and implementation of corrective measures to prevent similar or more serious accidents. It must be noted that

accident investigations are not intended to be a mechanism for apportioning blame but rather a fact-finding exercise aimed at determining causative factors. As such, it is important to conduct accident investigations with prevention in mind. Accident prevention is the primary objective of the HSE Department.



Wearing of Safety Gear is mandatory on the terminal

However, in the unfortunate event of an accident the standard procedure for accident reporting is as follows:

- All accidents / incidents must be reported to the Supervisor on duty and the HSE Department immediately.
- Supervisors must complete the Supervisor's Accident Report Form and submit to the HSE Department.
- In the event of an injury, Supervisors must complete the Treatment of Injury Form.

Employee co-operation is not only important to accident investigation but is also a legal requirement under Part II, Sec. 10. (1)(b) of the OSH Act 2004, amended in 2006.

Together, we can eliminate accidents, create a safer work place, improve performance and reduce losses. This is beneficial to all.

GLORIA PANTIN SAYS FAREWELL



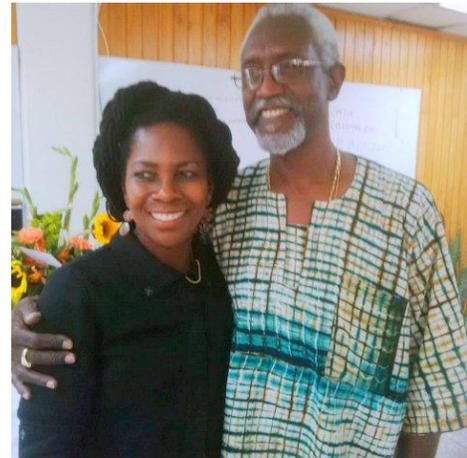
Gloria (left) gets a hug and best wishes from Ag. GM/CEO Charmaine Lewis

With the effervescent spirit that has become her trademark, Gloria Charles-Pantin bade farewell to her colleagues as they assembled in the Conference Room on June 27th to extend to her best wishes on her retirement.

Engineering Consultant, Narine Singh was high in praise for Gloria who worked with him as a Typist in the Engineering Department when he first joined the organization, and who coincidentally was her boss at the time of retirement, where she served in the capacity of Executive Secretary. He described her as being well-organized with sound work ethics and someone he could have depended on when the going got tough.

Gloria confessed that she literally grew up on the Port, having given 42 years' service to the organization. Her tenure took her through several offices, among them Security, Billing, Harbour Engineer and Cruise Ship. She admitted to being prepared for retirement having put things in place for this new chapter in her life. She plans to travel and continue her yoga classes with her focus on spirituality. As a member of the Strolling Players, drama will also be high on the agenda. She recounted her fond memories on the Port with many of her friends, among them Ava Listrop, Deborah Douglas,

Karen Campbell, Wayne La Pierre and retiree Gregory Drakes who was present to bid farewell.



Another colleague, Wayne La Pierre, says farewell

After the presentation of a farewell gift from her colleagues, Ag. General Manager/CEO Charmaine Lewis thanked Gloria for her service to the Authority and extended to her best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

MR. EGYPT AND MISS GHANA PORT EMANCIPATION KING AND QUEEN

There was a new twist to the Port's Emancipation celebrations this year. Participants in the fashion show were required to chose a country on the African continent and make a presentation on that country. Seven females and three males participated, with the country of Ghana being the most popular choice among contestants - portrayed by Stephon Reid of the Cruise Ship Complex, Jean Marc Mc Intosh of the Human Resources Department and Kezia Nathaniel of the Billing Department.

Among the females were: Judy Campbell (Miss South Africa), Tania Rivas (Miss Botswana), Sharon Sampson (Miss Nigeria), Aisha Lashley-Farrell (Miss Zimbabwe), Kia Douglas (Miss Seychelles), and Takiyah Phillips (Miss Ethiopia). Lorne Sandy was the third male entrant with his presentation of Egypt.



Seven lovely female contestants represent various countries on the African Continent

There was no doubt that the contestants went all out to research their respective country of choice. Miss Nigeria, Sharon Sampson, came well equipped with a Nigerian accent as she portrayed the affluent lady 'Bisola' of Nigeria. Tania Rivas got the audience to sing along with her in her presentation of Botswana, while Kezia Nathaniel's 'Spirit of Emancipation' was displayed as she danced with the freedom and pulsating rhythms synonymous with African dance. However, it was Lorne Sandy, Mr. Egypt who stole the show. Dressed as an Egyptian Pharaoh, he presented a poetic monologue of the political landscape of both the country and the workplace, ending each stanza with that well-known Biblical phrase 'Let my people go'. He sent the audience into uproar when he pleaded with the Board and Management to 'Let our backpay flow'.



Mr. Egypt (Lorne Sandy, left) and Stephon Reid



Kezia Nathaniel, female winner, makes her entrance



Female winners: Kezia (centre), Aisha (right) and Sharon (left)



Audience members were winners too, Ava Listrop (left) gets a prize



Ag. GM/CEO Charmaine Lewis extends Emancipation Greetings



The audience enjoy the presentations



Jean-Marc McIntosh struts with style



Aisha Lashley strikes a dramatic pose

At the end of his presentation there was no doubt that Mr. Egypt was the Emancipation King, followed by Stephon Reid and Jean-Marc McIntosh in second and third place, respectively. Kezia Nathaniel was crowned Emancipation Queen with Aisha Lashley-Farrell in second place and Sharon Sampson in third.