

JPS hires 130 Students for the Summer

130 students from secondary and tertiary institutions across the island are now on the job at the Jamaica Public Service Company (JPS), as part of the Company's annual summer employment programme.

JPS is pumping over \$6 million into the seven-week programme this year, with the aim of providing valuable work experience while helping participants to identify possible career paths.

Speaking at the launch of the JPS Summer Employment Programme on Wednesday, June 23, Opposition Spokesperson on Information, Culture & Youth, Lisa Hanna, encouraged the students to

"...give of your best and deliver nothing but excellent performance during the time

Dispute Resolution, CUMI, FISH, Bellevue Hospital, Sir Golding Rehabilitation Centre and the Kingston & St. Andrew Health Department.

Over 2,000 students have benefited from the JPS summer programme since 2001. Many have since been employed by the Company,

which also uses the employment programme as an opportunity to identify future employees.

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The summer employees, who range from high school to the post-graduate level, have been placed in JPS locations across the island as well as at a number of partner agencies including: Bustamante Children's Hospital, CHEST Hospital,



A Summer Employee asks a question during the launch of the Company's 2010 Summer Employment Programme.



Silina Patterson, (left) HR Officer and Summer Programme Coordinator, Toni-Ann Rodney (2nd right) UTECH Student and Leonardo Gordon (right) UTECH student, are all smiles as they speak with Lisa Hanna, Opposition Spokesperson on Information, Culture & Youth, following the Launch of the 2010 Summer Employment Programme.

JPS Takes Steps to Eliminate Illegal Connections in Central Downtown

JPS is now taking steps to regularize the power supply in several communities in downtown Kingston. This, as part of the Company's plan to spend approximately \$1.2 Billion this year to address the problem of electricity theft across the island.

JPS representatives on Sunday, June 20 met with residents of several communities in Central Downtown, including Rose Lane, West Street, Charles Street, Matthews Lane, Orange Street, Princess Street, Mark Lane, Luke Lane and Love Lane. The

primary objective of the meeting was to inform residents of downtown of the Company's intention to install an anti-theft system, which will significantly curtail opportunities for illegal usage. Residents were also advised of the process of signing up for legal power supply.



To facilitate the transition, JPS will assist the residents to come onto the system legally. The Company will be working with the Rural Electrification Programme (REP) and the Government Electrical Inspectorate (GEI) to get the houses wired and certified, and

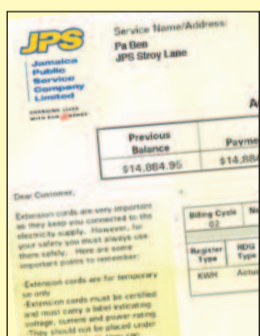
will assist with the initial cost of the wiring.

JPS plans to start reengineering the electricity circuits in the Central Downtown area within the next month to facilitate the anti-theft system. In the meantime, the Company

will begin the process of signing up persons for legal power supply.



Did you know?



Where JPS has access to your meter, you should not receive more than two (2) consecutive estimated bills. If JPS fails to meet this guaranteed service standard, you should claim for compensation.

HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

- Trim trees and hedges, and remove dangerous trees that could fall on JPS lines during a hurricane.
- Have a licensed electrician check the service wire connection to your home to ensure that it can withstand hurricane winds.

JPS Energizes the West with Netball Leagues

The 2010 JPS Western Netball Leagues were recently launched in a colourful, high-energy ceremony at the Elletson Wakeland Centre in Falmouth, Trelawny.

The short opening ceremony was addressed by Vice President of the Jamaica Netball Association, Dorothy Hobson, who commended JPS for its long commitment to netball in western Jamaica, as well as nationally. She also encouraged the players to take advantage of the opportunity to hone their skills in the game, and to shine as ambassadors for the utility.

JPS External Affairs Manager, Kathleen Cooke, encouraged the ladies to play fair, and to maintain the discipline and excellence that JPS competitions are known for, even as she welcomed Trelawny to the JPS Western

Netball Family. Kathleen also pointed out that over the six years of JPS Western Netball Leagues, JPS had invested over J\$10 million into the competitions. She also noted that since the start of the competitions, five players had been selected to represent the country in national squads.

Following the ceremony, it was team parade and rally time, with each team playing 10-minute games for parish rally honours. Rally winners were Starlights B for St. James, Trelawny Starlights named after their parish, Russia for Hanover and Westlanders for Westmoreland.



A section of the dress parade

Top teams from each parish will vie for prizes in the Champion of Champions game in September 2010.

JPS has ensured that participants in the netball

leagues are exposed to technical training for players, umpires and coaches. The programme has also included personal development training for the young ladies.



Serious action



JPS Community Relations Representative, Stella Eubanks Richards, presents a ball to a representative of the Trelawny Open Netball League