

# JPS Sponsors New Golf Tournament

The Jamaica Public Service Company (JPS) is one of the major sponsors of the inaugural staging of **The Mojo 6 Golf Tournament, to be held at the Cinnamon Hill Golf Course in Rose Hall, Montego Bay April 13 - 16.**

The Mojo 6 will feature 16 of the world's top women golfers competing in a new entertaining format of the game. Speaking at the media launch of the tournament recently, JPS Chairman, Tomofumi Fukuda, indicated

that the event presented the Company with another opportunity to support Jamaica's development. "There are many benefits to be gained from this event," Fukuda said. "The Mojo 6 Tournament will provide

employment opportunities for Jamaicans, while refocusing the world's attention on Jamaica as a world-class golfing destination."

## Support for Young Jamaican Golfer

The JPS Chairman also highlighted JPS' commitment to the development of the talent of Jamaica's youth. He reminded the audience of the Company's involvement in community netball, football and basketball, and indicated that the golf tournament was an opportunity to take our commitment one step further.

"Our involvement in the Mojo 6 Tournament has given us an opportunity to support the development of the talent of local women golfers also," the JPS Chairman said.

**"JPS will have as one of our guests for this event a young Jamaican golfer, seventeen year old Shaniel McCloud, who came up through the junior programme of the Jamaica Golf Association ..."**

We recognize the importance of international exposure to the development of Jamaica's athletes, and we believe Ms McCloud will benefit greatly from the opportunity to observe, and play alongside, the world's top women golfers," he noted. The Mojo 6 golf tournament was officially launched by the Prime Minister, the Honourable Bruce Golding.

The event will see the introduction of the "Raceway Golf" format, a unique way to play golf, where the 16

golfers compete over two days, and play more than 30 six-hole matches in 30 hours.



Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture, Honourable Olivia (Babsy) Grange, chats with young Jamaican golfer, Shaniel McCloud and JPS Chairman, Tomofumi (Tommy) Fukuda. JPS will facilitate the participation of Shaniel in the professional-amateur segment of the Mojo 6 tournament.



Prime Minister, Honourable Bruce Golding, greets Damian Obiglio, JPS President & CEO at the launch of The Mojo 6 golf tournament, while JPS Chairman, Tommy Fukuda, looks on.

## Seaview Gardens - First Community in Kingston to get Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

As part of ongoing efforts to modernize its power delivery infrastructure and reduce illegal abstraction of electricity, JPS is now in the process of introducing the Residential Automated Metering Infrastructure (RAMI) to communities islandwide.

The Company is in the final stages of installing the RAMI in Seaview Gardens, in Kingston, where less than half the households had legal power supply. The project includes the elimination of all low voltage distribution lines,

as well as the removal of meters from the homes of residents, to eliminate the risk of tampering. The meters will be replaced by a digital display unit, which provides customers with details of their consumption pattern.

JPS has been meeting with residents of Seaview Gardens since last October to prepare them for the changes accompanying the RAMI, and to facilitate the transition to the new system.

In addition, the Company stepped in to assist those households that needed to be rewired and recertified prior to having their power supply regularized. Through a partnership with the Rural

Electrification Programme (REP), JPS paid for the rewiring of several households. The payment was in the form of a loan, which the beneficiaries will repay over 48 months.

JPS has also been working

closely with the Government Electrical Inspectorate (GEI) to fast track the certification of the households that have been rewired - a requirement that must be fulfilled before electricity is provided.



JPS Customer Care Representative Angela Jordan attends to a customer at the temporary office set up in the community March 1 - 6.

To facilitate the opening of new contracts by persons wishing to regularize their power supply, JPS established a temporary office in the community during the week of March 1 - 6. Over 1,300 residents visited the temporary office during this period.

## IN FOCUS

### GCT on Electricity Bills

Some JPS customers will begin to see a new line for the 10% General Consumption Tax (GCT) on their electricity bills this month.

This new government tax will be applicable to all usage over 200 kWh for residential customers, and to the entire bill of business customers.

Customers who have been categorized by the Inland Revenue Department as 'zero-rated' will be exempt from GCT on their electricity bills. These include, for example, ministries or departments of government; parish councils; certain statutory bodies; hospitals and schools.

GCT will be shown in a separate line on the bill. For



the residential customers, the bill will clearly show all non-taxable charges (for consumption under 200 kWh), as well as the taxable charges.

## Garvey Maceo wins multiple prizes at JPS Science & Technology Expo

Agro-industrial products and the use of alternative energy sources dominated the recent staging of the JPS Science & Technology Expo (Central Region). The event, which saw 20 schools participating with a total of 26 displays, was held in collaboration with the Scientific Research Council and the Association of Science Teachers of Jamaica, and drew

the admiration of onlookers and judges alike.

Chief Judge at the expo, Dr. Cliff Riley, noted that, "Jamaica has a bright and promising future in Science and Technology. The high quality products, models and experiments presented at the 2010 Central JPS Science Expo are an indication of the talent, intelligence and problem solving approach of our young scientist".

This year Garvey Maceo Comprehensive High School made its mark, as their young scientists carted off multiple prizes for their alternative heating source for domestic



VP Customer Operations, Ricardo Rennalls, makes a presentation to the 6th form science team from Garvey Maceo Comprehensive High School for their 'weedicide' and fertilizer.

water, using black sand, as well as their agro-industrial product designed to create a two-fold product of 'weedicide' and fertilizer. For their efforts with the black sand heating innovation, the 5th form team won First place in the Grade 10-11 Category, as well as Sectional Prizes for Best Illustration of Energy Use and Most Innovative Display.

Garvey Maceo's 6th form which created the weedkiller and fertilizer in one, tied with DeCarteret College for first place in the Grade 12-13 category.

DeCarteret's project, entitled 'Agricultural Trash,' proposed another industrial output for the sugar industry, as the science team recommended that the residual cane trash be used as raw material for the pulp and paper industry, rather than simply being burnt.

All top winners at the Central Region Expo will go on to the National Finals to be held on April 29-30 at the National Arena.



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