

JPS helps small business participate in the International Food Event (IFE) in London

The Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS) has provided sponsorship to facilitate the participation of 12 small and medium-sized Jamaican businesses in the International Food Event (IFE) being held in London this week.



Omar Azan, President of the Jamaica Manufacturers Association (left), makes a point to: (l-r) Sancia Templer - JAMPRO President, Frank 'Tony' Ray - JPS Director of External Affairs, and JPS President & CEO, Damian Obiglio.

Jamaica's participation in the IFE is part of the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica / JAMPRO "Meet Jamaica 2012" initiative, which aims at ensuring that Jamaica benefits from opportunities that will be

a press briefing last week, JPS President & CEO, Damian Obiglio, said, "This partnership is part of JPS' ongoing efforts to support the growth of Jamaica's business sector. The

their products and services to the world. We expect that these companies and, ultimately, Jamaica, will benefit significantly from the business connections that the IFE will provide," he indicated.



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available before, during, and after the Olympics in London next year. Announcing the sponsorship at

International Food Event provides an excellent opportunity for Jamaica's small businesses to showcase

The participating companies were selected by JAMPRO because of the high quality of their products, and the expected benefits that will accrue from their participation in the International Food Event. They are: Honey Bun Bakery, Associated Manufacturers Limited, Kountry Delite, FIWI Foods, Tourejon Food Processors, Mavis Bank Coffee, Central Food Packers, Honey Kist, Worthy Park Estate, Pedro Plains, Cancó Limited, and Local Spice.

Largest turnout ever for Central Regional Expo

Clarendon College the big winner

The 9th staging of the JPS Science and Technology Expo, held recently at the Golf View Hotel in Mandeville, saw Clarendon College topping the Grades 10 to 11 and Tertiary Categories, as well as taking the prizes for the Best Presenting Group and Best Male Presenter.

The Expo, which is held in association with the Scientific Research Council and the Association of Science Teachers of Jamaica, saw 26 participants (schools and independent entrants) displaying 42 exhibits, and was the biggest ever turnout for a Central Regional Expo.

The annual event has been designed to encourage children from the primary to the tertiary level, to produce innovations and inventions which can provide solutions to national problems, or become viable enterprises. This year's theme is, "From Natural Resource to Creative Enterprise".

The top winners by grade categories were: Kilsyth Primary for the Grade 4-6 category, for their project

"Gwangerific" - which showed how guango can be used to make cost effective animal feed among other products.

"Harbouring Pear," displayed a range of products from the avocado pear. Apart from the expected food from the flesh, (in this case a spread), they created fuel from the skin which can be used as a substitute for kerosene, and rat poison from the seed!

Clarendon College came in as winners again for the Tertiary category (this category includes 6th form). They created coffee flavoured jam as a means of capitalizing on the international popularity of Jamaican coffee.

Cross Keys High School took the Grade 7-9 category for their project, "Guiwen Products" - products from guinea hen weed, including: wart remover; inhaler to reduce migraine pain; and liniment for arthritic pain.

Clarendon College stood at the top of the Grade 10-11 group for their products from avocado pear. The project named



Winston Jones High

Science Team members from Winston Jones High School elaborate on their project entitled "Jamaica Has Oil", which showed how plastic waste can be broken down to create fuel. The project won the sectional prize for Best Illustration of Energy Use at the Central Regional Science Expo.



JPS Science & Technology Expo

Rat poison from pear seed

Wayne Wright of Clarendon College, Best Male Speaker Awardee, displays the rat poison that his team made from the avocado pear seed. Their project, entitled "Harbouring Pear", which showed a number of uses of the pear, including fuel from the skin, won them the top prize in the Grade 10-11 category, and the sectional prize for Best Presenting Group.

Other big winners at the Central Regional showing were Clarendon College (again!) as well as Garvey Maceo High School.

Clarendon College took home the prize for Best Presenting Group and Best Male Presenter, in the person of Wayne Wright, while the awards for Best Use of Indigenous Material and Best Business Plan went to Garvey

Maceo High, with their Pest Aside - pesticide made from the toxins found in the ornamental plant, anthurium. The project also took the second place prize in the Grades 10-11 category.

The next Regional Expo will be held on Thursday March 31, at the West Jamaica Conference of 7th Day Adventists in Montego Bay.

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May Day - Sorrel Shampoo enquiry

A visitor makes enquiries about the Sorrel Shampoo, named "Sherboo Shampoo" created by May Day High. The product earned the school's science team the 3rd place prize in the Grade 10-11 category.

JPS to add 6.3MW of hydro power at Maggotty, St Elizabeth

JPS is to invest over US\$20 Million to build a new hydroelectric plant at Maggotty, St Elizabeth. The plant will add another 6.3MW of power to the national grid.

The new Maggotty plant forms part of JPS' ongoing efforts to diversify its fuel sources, with the addition of more renewable energy options. Last October, JPS officially commissioned into service its new 3MW Munro Wind Farm. Both projects were approved in 2008 by the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR), after JPS successfully responded to a public tender issued by the regulator.



An existing hydroelectric plant at Maggotty currently provides 6MW of power. The plant was originally constructed in 1957, and in 2002 there was a major overhaul of its electro mechanical equipment. The new plant, which will see a doubling of the capacity at Maggotty, is scheduled for completion by July 2013.

JPS is currently seeking to

identify a contractor to carry out the construction of the first major hydro plant expansion to be done in over 30 years. The Company will later this month receive bids from contractors who were invited to make submissions for the new plant, which will be done under the terms of an Engineering-Procurement-Construction (EPC) contract.