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MOCA Hosts Canadian Association of Police Polygraphists (CAPP) Conference

The Major Organised Crime & Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) is hosting the Canadian Association of Police Polygraphists (CAPP) Region 7 Conference. It starts today May 27, at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, and runs until Friday, May 31.

Minister of National Security, the Honourable Dr. Horace Chang, delivered the main address at the conference. It's focus is on advanced training and re-sensitization of the local and regional police polygraph examiners from countries in Region 7, namely; Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago.

The Jamaica law enforcement Polygraph Programme was established in 2007 as a joint project between the former JCF Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB), now subsumed under the Major Organised Crime & Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF).

Since the establishment of the programme a total of seven thousand two hundred and ninety-five (7,295) polygraph examinations, were jointly completed by MOCA and former ACB, with the highest number of two thousand and twenty-six (2026) tests, being done in 2018. Between January 2018 and May 2019, a total of two thousand three hundred and ninety-eight (2,398) polygraph examinations were conducted.

In an effort to bolster the agency's integrity screening capacity, EyeDetect technology, which measures subtle changes in the eye to detect deception, was adopted in May 2018. Since its implementation, a total of one thousand one hundred and forty-seven (1,147) tests have been completed. This technology is used primarily in the mass screening of recruits to the JCF and the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), as part of the integrity screening protocols.

Minister Chang in his address stated, **“this conference is very timely, as it comes on the eve of tabling the MOCA Regulation in the House of Representative, which will give effect to the provisions of the MOCA Act”**. He continued, **“it is the policy of this administration to invest adequately and strategically in the security architecture of the country, which will result in improvement in our capabilities and capacities, to effectively tackle the security threats that confront us as a society”**.

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