

Office of the Director of Communications & Public Affairs

Phone: (876)754-0030/619-6017/564-0071

Fax: (876)754-3601

Email: information@mns.gov.jm



Ministry of National Security
NCB North Tower
2 1/2 Oxford Road
Kingston 5
Jamaica

July 13, 2018

State Minister Spencer Lauds Partnership with the Diaspora

The Hon. Rudyard Spencer, Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security (MNS) expressed gratitude to the Jamaica Diaspora Crime Intervention and Prevention Task Force (JDCIPTF) for their recent involvement in the donation of a 49-inch LG smart television to the Metcalfe Street Secure Juvenile Remand Centre.

The State Minister was speaking at the handover ceremony, held yesterday (July 12) at the Metcalfe Street Secure Remand Centre.

“It is with joy that I join you here today, to mark the continuation of this invaluable relationship with members of the Jamaican Diaspora. Through this smart television, the young men of Metcalfe will have greater access to technology, as well as, this can be used as a medium to facilitate mentorship,” Minister Spencer said.

The Minister expressed further thanks to Mr. Kevin Junor, the Canadian Lead for the JDCIPTF, who was instrumental in forging this partnership between the Ministry of National Security and the Jamaican Diaspora in Canada.

The purchase of the television forms part of the MNS’s thrust towards technological transformation and comes on the heels of the Ministry’s participation in the Jamaica National Expo held in Canada, April – May 2018.

He continued, **“This programme is essential and important not only to the government but to you, the boys of Metcalfe Street. In furtherance of that, through the partnership and through the efforts of Mr. Junor who raised funds and handed over a television set to us, this will enhance our programme.”**

In his address, Mr. Junor, who is also the Deputy Superintendent for the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in Ontario, Canada, said, **“You as the youth are the future of Jamaica. Later on, potentially, you could be standing here as leaders of corporations, leaders of the government. We are doing our part, right now, to ensure that we provide mentorship and guidance to get you from where you are to achieve your potential. This TV is an example of**

what is possible and there will be more coming, so use it wisely and I am sure that as you move forward you will be blessed to reach your potential.”

While in the island, Mr. Junor is expected to conduct an assessment of the Carl Rattray Staff College, its training curriculum as well as current processes in its adult institutions.

This assessment follows Minister Spencer’s commitment to upgrading the College, which is the only training facility for correctional officers in the island.

The engagement of the Diaspora is in keeping with the Ministry’s efforts to reduce reoffending through effective delivery of rehabilitation services.