

OPENING ADDRESS

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JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION (JADCO)

SENIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP

JAMAICA CONFERENCE CENTRE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

- DR. KEVIN JONES, CHAIRMAN, JADCO THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION COMMITTEE (TUEC)
- DR. JODI-ANN SMITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE JAMAICA MEDICAL DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (JMDA)
- ATHLETES
- ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL
- AND TEAM MEMBERS FROM JADCO

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING

IT WAS FORMER PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER MICHEAL JORDAN WHO SAID,

"TALENT WINS GAMES, BUT TEAMWORK AND INTELLIGENCE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS."

I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS, AS I BELIEVE THAT WE ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP SPORT CLEAN IN JAMAICA.

WELCOME TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL SENIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP WHICH IS BEING HOSTED UNDER THE THEME, ***“KEEPING SPORT CLEAN, FORGING BETTER PARTNERSHIPS”***. I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU DECIDED TO SHARE YOUR SATURDAY WITH THE JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION (JADCO). THIS IS A DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT. I HOPE YOU WILL BENEFIT SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE SHARED HERE TODAY.

OVER THE YEARS JADCO HAS DEVELOPED AN APPRECIATION FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT ONLY FORGING PARTNERSHIPS, BUT ALSO MAINTAINING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS. ATHLETES AND ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE COMMISSION IS HERE TO SERVE YOU. SO TODAY WE ARE HERE TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH YOU AS WE STRIVE TO IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE COMMISSION.

IN RECENT MONTHS, THE COMMISSION HAS ADOPTED A NEW APPROACH TO IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING SEVERAL COURTESY CALLS TO FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS. THE COMMISSION KNOWS THAT KEEPING SPORT CLEAN REQUIRES COLLABORATION, SO WE ARE NOT ONLY MAINTAINING PARTNERSHIPS THAT ALREADY EXIST BUT WE AIM TO IMPROVE THEM. AS OUR MANDATE EVOLVES, WE TOO MUST MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES.

AS MANY OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, JADCO IS CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY DURING 2018 WITH SEVERAL COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES.

JADCO'S JOURNEY BEGAN ON JULY 25, 2008 WHEN THE COMMISSION WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED TO EXECUTE THE NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS STIPULATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY, THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (WADA). JADCO'S MISSION IS TO FOSTER A DOPE FREE ENVIRONMENT IN JAMAICA THAT PROMOTES THE ETHICS AND SPIRIT OF SPORT THROUGH EDUCATION, TESTING, ADVOCACY AND COORDINATION OF AN EFFECTIVE ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME IN JAMAICA. JADCO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL ATHLETES COMPLY WITH THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE, THE DOCUMENT THAT HARMONISES REGULATIONS REGARDING ANTI-DOPING ACROSS ALL SPORT AND ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. WE PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN TESTING AND EDUCATING JAMAICAN ATHLETES.

THE COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY BEGAN ON SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018 WITH A CHURCH SERVICE AT THE SAINT ANDREW'S SCOTS KIRK UNITED CHURCH. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY OUR DECENNIAL GALA WHICH WAS HELD AT THE TERRA NOVA ALL-SUITE HOTEL IN KINGSTON ON THE DAY OF OUR ANNIVERSARY, JULY 25, 2018.

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WE HOSTED OUR 2018 SERIES OF JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS, IN FOUR REGIONS ACROSS THE ISLAND. THESE INCLUDED KINGSTON, MANCHESTER, ST. JAMES AND ST. ANN. WE ALSO LAUNCHED THE 2018-2019 JADCO JINGLE

COMPETITION AT THE FIRST IN THE SERIES OF WORKSHOPS WHICH WAS HELD AT THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE CENTRE IN KINGSTON ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018 AND TODAY WE ARE HERE WITH YOU AT THE SENIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP, WHICH ALSO FORMS A PART OF OUR COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES.

WE AT JADCO ARE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE PAST DECADE, MOST NOTABLE OF WHICH IS THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR TESTING PROGRAMME.

- JADCO CONTINUES TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF SPORT WITH THE TESTING OF ATHLETES AND THIS IS BEING DONE ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE.
- DURING JUNE 2015, WE INSTITUTED BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION AS PART OF OUR DOPING CONTROL PROCESS. THIS HAS ENABLED THE COMMISSION TO DETECT A WIDER RANGE OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND METHODS.
- OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMME WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING REBRANDED HAS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY. THE COMMISSION EDUCATES ATHLETES AND THEIR SUPPORT PERSONNEL WITH INFORMATION ON ANTI-DOPING AND SINCE 2014 WE HAVE BEEN HOSTING THE JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS AND THE SENIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS ANNUALLY. WE HAVE ALSO INCORPORATED VALUES-BASED EDUCATION IN OUR PROGRAMMES.

- JADCO ALSO LAUNCHED ITS WEBSITE DURING 2014 AND COMMENCED THE JADCO AND YOU TELEVISION AND RADIO SERIES DURING 2015.

AS WE REFLECT ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMISSION OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH US AS WE STRIVE TO KEEP SPORT CLEAN AND REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT.

THANK YOU.