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CONTRACTOR GENERAL SELECTED TO REPRESENT JAMAICA IN CORRUPTION CONTROL PROGRAMME IN SINGAPORE

Kingston; January 26, 2010 – Contractor General, Greg Christie is among 26 Senior Anti-Corruption State Officials from 18 Commonwealth countries who have been selected to participate in a 2-week Corruption Control Training Programme in Singapore.

The Programme, which runs from February 1 to 12, 2010, is being sponsored jointly by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Government of Singapore in the pursuit of the Commonwealth's commitment to institutionalize transparency, accountability, good governance and the rule of law as fundamental political values.

The Programme will share Singapore's anti-corruption experiences and best practices and will provide an interactive forum for the Heads of Commonwealth Anti-Corruption Agencies to share, explore and discuss concepts and issues that are related to managing corruption and promoting integrity and clean governance.

Participants will also be provided with unique learning opportunities to assist them in the design and implementation of specific strategies to reduce corruption in their own countries.

Singapore has an enviable record of being one of the least corrupt countries in the world. For the past five years, it has been ranked no lower than fifth in the annual Global Corruption Perception Indices of Transparency International (TI), the International Anti-Corruption Watchdog.



In 2009, TI scored Singapore as the world's 3rd least corrupt country out of 180 countries. This was second only to New Zealand, which was ranked 1st and Denmark, which was ranked 2nd. By contrast, Jamaica was ranked 99th by TI in 2009.

The Contractor General, who will be Jamaica's only representative at the Seminar, will leave the island this week-end for Singapore.

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