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## JAMAICA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (JCAA) HOSTS SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION DAY 2013

On Saturday, December 7, 2013, Jamaica joined the world and the international civil aviation community in celebrating **International Civil Aviation Day 2013**.

International Civil Aviation Day is commemorated yearly on December 7, to recognize the role aviation plays in providing connectivity for people, goods and services across nations, and in integrating the global economy, while promoting solidarity, goodwill and cooperation among nations. The theme for this year's celebration was confirmed by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council to be "*Evolving to meet the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century Air Transport.*"

The Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), a statutory body within the Ministry of Transport, Works & Housing, which has regulatory responsibility for Jamaica's aviation sector, led the celebration of this important juncture in the history of aviation. As Director General of the JCAA, Mr. Leroy Lindsay confirmed, December 7 "celebrates the birth of international civil aviation", as on that day, at a conference in 1944, the Chicago Convention emanated to form the backbone treaty of our international civil aviation society.

The treaty, to which Jamaica is a signatory, has remained the most important convention, uniting nations of the world in efforts to provide a safe, secure and sustainable global aviation network.

The JCAA's **Service of Thanksgiving**, convened on Saturday, December 7, was held at the North Street S.D.A. Church, Kingston.

It was attended by several officials and employees of the Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing, and the JCAA. Among the participants were *The Hon. Dr. Morais Guy*, Minister without portfolio in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing; *Mrs. Audrey Sewell*,

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing; Director General of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), **Mr. Leroy Lindsay**; Former Director General of the JCAA, **Colonel T.D.G. Lewis**; Commanding Officer, Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) Air Wing, **Lt. Colonel J.S.A. Ogilvie**; Managing Director of Port Security Corps Ltd., **Lt. Col. (Ret'd.) Derek Robinson**, as well as a large contingent of JCAA employees.

In bringing remarks, the Hon. Dr. Morais Guy, Minister without portfolio in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing, underscored the benefits of aviation and the unparalleled possibilities that have emerged for Jamaica and other nations, as a result of the industry.

He noted that aviation possesses unmatched utility, “in facilitating global trade, connecting businesses to an international market, and bringing people, languages, products, ideas, and values together, with an efficacy and speed that was previously unimaginable.”

Director General of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), Mr. Leroy Lindsay, in addressing the gathering, also highlighted the critical work which the JCAA has accomplished to make aviation an “engine of growth, particularly in the bedrock arenas of Jamaica’s trade, industry and tourism.”

While underscoring the fact that aviation provides the only rapid and nearly “instantaneous”, worldwide transportation network available to nations the world over, Mr. Lindsay pointed out that regulating the industry was no simple task. Despite this, he expressed satisfaction that the JCAA has managed to “bring it all together with a seamlessness and grace that obscures the ever present risks and complexities which must be overcome to safely and reliably move an aircraft from point a to point b.”

The day ended on a high note, with worshippers and well-wishers uniting in praise to acknowledge the magnificence of the Creator who has made industry developments possible. The JCAA also renewed its commitment to the mandate of working to ensure the safe, orderly and efficient development of Jamaica’s aviation industry.

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## PHOTO CAPTIONS

### “High” spirits!



Newly appointed Director General of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), **Mr. Leroy Lindsay** (right) greets JCAA’s Deputy Director General, Regulatory Affairs, **Mr. Nari Willams-Singh** (second left) and Actg. Director of Human Resource, **Ms. Janet Henry** (left), following the JCAA’s International Civil Aviation Day Church Service. In the background, sharing the greetings, is Former Member of the JCAA Board, **Mr. E. George Ho Sang**. The event was held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the North Street S.D.A. Church.



Director General of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), **Mr. Leroy Lindsay** (right), welcomes **The Hon. Dr. Morais Guy**, Minister without portfolio in the Ministry of Transport, Works & Housing on his arrival at the JCAA’s International Civil Aviation Day Church Service.