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The OCG and the DFID unveils the Findings of Youth Anti-Corruption Survey and Awards ‘Top 3’ Schools in its Youth Anti-Corruption Jingle Competition.

Kingston; June 7, 2017 – The Office of the Contractor General (OCG) in partnership with the Department for International Development (DFID) on June 6, 2017, hosted a ceremony to officially unveil the findings of its Youth Anti-Corruption Survey and to award prizes to the ‘Top 3’ schools in its Youth Anti-Corruption Jingle Competition. The Youth Anti-Corruption Survey and the Jingle Competition are initiatives which originated through a Memorandum of Understanding which was signed in August 2016 between the OCG and the DFID and the subsequent launch of a Youth Engagement and Awareness Programme, which commenced in earnest in November 2016, under the theme “*The Fight Against Corruption Begins With You*”.

The Survey Instrument commissioned by the OCG in partnership with DFID incorporated qualitative and quantitative tools, targeting 197 High Schools, a select number of Primary schools, community and teachers colleges. The Survey Instrument was designed to measure youth views on corruption, its perception, impact, misconceptions and the realities in the Jamaican society taken from a representative sample of our primary target audience. The survey was conceptualized as a tool which could be used as a benchmark to measure the perception of corruption as viewed by the youth and its impact on the Jamaican society. Importantly, it is the intention of the OCG and DFID, to utilize the findings of the survey to inform the intervention and activities that will be embarked upon, at specified intervals, during the youth engagement and awareness programme.

The Jingle Competition was launched on December 9, 2016, as a means of engaging the creative thoughts and expressions of our youth and with a view to sensitizing young Jamaicans about the problem of corruption and positioning them to become standard bearers of integrity, transparency and accountability. The Competition yielded a total of thirty (30) entries from secondary school island-wide of which the top 3 awardees were Simona Saure and Abigail Dunstan from the Ardenne High School who emerged as the first place awardees with Paula Bowley from St. Jago High School placing second and Ronaldo Simoes Castanheiro from Jamaica College in third place. The students as well as the affiliated schools were, yesterday, presented with medals and cash prizes during the unveiling ceremony.

The OCG utilizes this opportunity to share the findings of the commissioned Youth Anti-Corruption Survey, which may be accessed utilizing web link: <http://www.ocg.gov.jm/youthreport2017>. We also share the recordings of the Jingles created by the 1st to 3rd place awardees, which may be accessed utilizing web link: https://youtu.be/vcb080qrkj4?list=PLDbZ0IeXyh5o3dIfU80xjJ_080-R3E16R.

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