



**HANDING OVER OF  
NEW EQUIPMENT TO  
THE SCOTIABANK CENTENNIAL  
ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY UNIT**

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**The Scotiabank Centennial Accident & Emergency Unit  
University Hospital of the West Indies**

- **MR HUGH SCOTT**, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE UHWI
  
- **PROFESSOR ARCHIBALD MCDONALD**, DEAN OF MEDICAL SCIENCES OF THE UWI (AND, I UNDERSTAND, AS OF A FEW HOURS AGO, NOW OFFICIALLY ACTING CEO OF THE UHWI)
  
- **MR EVERTON MORGAN**, SENIOR DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES AT THE UHWI, WHO TOOK THE HELM FOR A MONTH, TO HAND OVER TO PROFESSOR ARCHIBALD
  
- **DR. JEAN WILLIAMS JOHNSON**, CONSULTANT EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION, AND ANOTHER KEY FIGURE IN OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE UHWI
  
- **MR. ROB PITFIELD**, CHAIRMAN OF SCOTIABANK
  
- DIRECTORS OF THE FOUNDATION, COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ...

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HANDING OVER THIS EQUIPMENT TO THE SCOTIABANK CENTENNIAL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF THE WEST INDIES TODAY, PARTICULARLY AS IT WILL MEAN THE STRENGTHENING OF THE HOSPITAL'S STATUS AS THE LEADING TEACHING HOSPITAL IN THE CARIBBEAN.

I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO WELCOME MR ROB PITFIELD, WHO IS WITH US FROM TORONTO, TO THIS OCCASION....

THE EQUIPMENT - A HIGH DEFINITION ULTRASOUND SYSTEM, A DIGITAL DIAGNOST X-RAY SYSTEM AND SIX INFUSION PUMPS – IS VALUED AT \$32 MILLION, AND WAS PURCHASED AFTER OUR EXPANSION OF THE A&E UNIT LAST YEAR. THE EXPANSION WAS FUNDED BY THE SCOTIABANK JAMAICA FOUNDATION AT A COST OF \$36 MILLION; BRINGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT TO \$68 MILLION.

THE FOUNDATION WAS ASKED TO FUND THIS VITAL EQUIPMENT TO ALLOW THE UNIT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY SERVICES INDEPENDENTLY OF

THE HOSPITAL'S OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AND WE WERE HAPPY TO AGREE TO FUND THIS REQUEST AS WE BELIEVE THE UHWI, AND THE A&E UNIT IN PARTICULAR, PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN PROVIDING THE KIND OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES ESSENTIAL FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THOUSANDS OF ORDINARY JAMAICANS.

IN ADDITION, WITH THE RECENT REQUESTS TO IMPROVE FACILITIES OF SOME HOSPITALS FOR THE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2007, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS TIMELY DONATION WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT IS READY FOR ALL MAJOR EMERGENCIES DURING THIS PERIOD.

OUR DONATION IS, IN FACT, JUST THE LATEST EVIDENCE OF A LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT THE BANK HAS TO HEALTH CARE AT THIS HOSPITAL. THE SCOTIABANK CENTENNIAL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT IS ONE OF THE EARLIEST AND BETTER-KNOWN HEALTH PROJECTS FUNDED BY SCOTIABANK. THE BANK CONSTRUCTED THE UNIT IN 1989 - THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE SCOTIABANK'S PRESENCE IN JAMAICA – AS THE HOSPITAL DID NOT HAVE AN ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT.

THE FOUNDATION ALSO PROVIDES \$1 MILLION ANNUALLY TO ASSIST WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE UNIT.

TODAY'S HAND-OVER IS PART OF THE BANK'S BROADER INVOLVEMENT IN DOING ITS PART TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL JAMAICANS. IN FACT, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE FOUNDATION HAS DONATED \$458 MILLION TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS ISLANDWIDE.

SO, WE WELCOME YOU ALL IN SHARING WITH US AND WITH THE UHWI, WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE A HAPPY OCCASION AND A SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK IN A LONG AND FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP TOWARDS HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE.

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