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NEWS RELEASE

Scotiabank donates millions in computers to seven organizations

November 2, 2007/Kingston: Scotiabank today donated 29 computer systems and work stations at a cost of \$3.9 million to seven institutions to enhance their information technology learning programmes. This donation brings the total number of computers donated by the Scotiabank for its financial year, November 2006 – October 2007, to 54 at a total cost of \$6.7 million.

The institutions benefiting from today's donation are Mt. Angus Primary, Galina Primary, Water Valley Primary & Junior High schools and the Pringle Home for Girls in St. Mary; and May Day High School, Manchester Police Division and the Mandeville Women's Centre in Manchester.

Director of Public, Corporate & Government Affairs, Joylene Griffiths Irving said, "This computer education programme is a corporate thrust from the Bank to act on its commitment to improve the quality of education particularly of Jamaica's youth, as we recognize that computer technology is a critical tool in teaching the school curriculum, exposing students to trends on the global landscape, building specialist skills and facilitating efficiency."

The donations will assist these institutions with administrative duties as well as enhance teaching techniques, expand curriculums, facilitate research and improve information technology skills.

Since 1996, Scotiabank and the Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation have establishing computer laboratories and equipping schools with state-of-the-art multi-media systems. Other institutions which have benefited from the programme this year are: Mount Alvernia Preparatory; Browns Town Infant; Victoria All Age; Alps, Mount Moriah, Port Maria and St. Paul's Primary Schools; and Portland, Old Harbour and York Castle High schools.

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