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**THOUSANDS BENEFIT FROM HEALTH & WELLNESS  
CAREER EXPO AND JOB FAIR**

# Jamaica welcomes Secretary of Health for the Philippines



Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton (centre) meets with Secretary of Health for the Philippines, Dr. Teodoro J. Herbosa (right) during his visit to Jamaica. Also pictured is Chief Medical Officer in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Dr. Jacqueline Bisasor-McKenzie.

Secretary of Health of the Philippines, Dr. Teodoro J. Herbosa arrived on the island on Monday (January 20) for a three-day working visit, as part of plans to sign an agreement for collaboration to address challenges faced in human resources for health.

The distinguished trauma surgeon and emergency medicine physician led a four-member delegation to Jamaica, following a visit to the Philippines in December by senior technocrats in the Ministry of Health and Wellness to further health cooperation dialogue between both countries.

Jamaica is exploring collaboration with the Philippines for health workforce training, inclusive of nurse recruitment in response to the shortage of specialist nurses in the island.

Other areas of potential collaboration include health facilities maintenance, biotechnology, and healthcare management.

The three-day visit saw, among other things, the Secretary of Health delivering special remarks at the opening ceremony of the Ministry's Career Expo and Employment Fair on Wednesday, January 22, and touring health facilities.

# Close to 10,000 Jamaicans benefit from first-ever Health & Wellness Career Expo, Job Fair



Officials share a light moment during the ribbon-cutting ceremony on day one of the first-ever Health & Wellness Career Expo & Employment Fair.

The curtains have come down on the inaugural Health & Wellness Career Expo & Employment Fair of the Ministry of Health & Wellness, with close to 10,000 Jamaicans having participated.

From the preliminary count, close to 3,000 persons (2,907) were screened for the available 600-plus job vacancies while close to 7,000 students and other members of the public (6,694) visited the displays.

Organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information from January 22 to 23, the Health & Wellness Career Expo & Employment Fair was hosted at The University of the West Indies, Mona, under the theme 'A career in health: Roadmap to Success'.

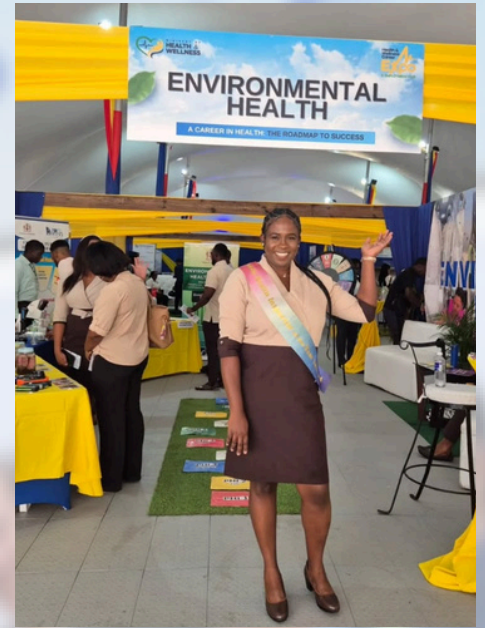
The two-day event showcased the range of careers in the sector while affording members of the public the opportunity to access job vacancies islandwide.

The Career Expo & Employment Fair forms a part of the response to prevailing challenges to human resources for health, including the limited availability of professionals for some specialist areas, migration and competition from overseas recruiters.

"We had a very good event, achieving precisely what we intended to, with thousands of participants benefitting from the insights into the different careers in health, while also taking advantage of the opportunity to vie for the current vacancies in the system," said Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, MP, Minister of Health & Wellness.

"This initiative has no doubt helped to progress our journey to achieving goal four of the Vision for Health 2030 strategic plan for health: 'ensuring human resources for health in sufficient number and competencies'," the Minister added.

# Career Expo & Job Fair highlights



# More from the Career Expo & Job Fair



# Staff Spotlight

## Sean Moncrieffe, CTD

#PeopleInHealth

**JOB TITLE/POSITION:** Chief Technical Director.

**DIVISION/DEPARTMENT/UNIT:** Standards and Regulation Division.

**WHAT IS YOUR CORE FUNCTION?** To lead the process of developing policies, standards and guidelines for the regulations, monitoring and control of health-related products, service delivery, professional practice and institutional operations in the public and private health and wellness sectors in Jamaica.

**MY VISION FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**IS:** To make Standards & Regulation one of the most effective, efficient and customer-friendly divisions in the MOHW.

**WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT YOUR JOB:** The warm welcome from the staff and the cooperation I have received from them so far.

**WHICH HIGH SCHOOL DID YOU ATTEND:** St. George's College.

**FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** 'Running boat' with my friends during the holidays while mummy at work.

**FAVOURITE COLOUR:** Blue.

**WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM VACATION:** Travelling around Jamaica for 2 weeks, spending time in each parish and enjoying the attractions each parish has to offer. River rafting and tubing along with camping would be the cherry on top. After all of that, I will need another week or 2 to rest at home.



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