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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert Flynn, shows off a painting by an inmate during the DCS 50th Anniversary Opening Ceremony, held on Friday, October 17, at the National Arena in Kingston.

The Government of Jamaica is committed to the rehabilitation and reintegration of our inmates and wards of the state – Minister of State Cuthbert Flynn

The Hon. Juliet Cuthbert Flynn, Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace, has reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to rehabilitation and reintegration programmes within the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), declaring that these initiatives will not only be preserved but further strengthened.

Minister Flynn delivered her remarks during the Opening Ceremony of the DCS 50th Anniversary Expo and Recruitment Drive, held on Friday, October 17, at the National Arena in Kingston. The event marked the commencement of Corrections Week 2025, which includes activities aimed at deepening public engagement and celebrating five decades of transformative service.

Reflecting on the institution's last fifty years, Minister Flynn remarked that the future remains open for everyone to achieve, adding that **“Together, we can continue to provide safe, secure,**

and empowering spaces where individuals are prepared to contribute positively to our communities”.

She remarked that fifty (50) years of service is no small achievement. It is a testament to the dedication, resilience and vision of countless men and women who have worked tirelessly to maintain security, restore hope and provide opportunity where it is most needed.

“The Department of Correctional Services has grown into more than an institution of confinement; it has become a place of rehabilitation, renewal and empowerment,” the state minister said.

She added that this year’s theme, **“DCS 50th: Excellence in Securing and Reintegrating Lives for a Safer Jamaica”** captures the essence of that mission, and reasoned that it reminds us that security is not only about enforcement but about **“restoring human dignity and building productive citizens”**.

“The DCS understands that the true measure of success is not only the safety maintained within its walls, but the lives positively changed and reintegrated into society,” the state minister explained.

She also mentioned that rehabilitation remains at the heart of the Department’s vision. Through structured programmes, inmates are equipped with practical skills, knowledge, and confidence to pursue meaningful employment or establish businesses upon release.