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**Photo Caption:** Graduates of the tenth intake of the Jamaica National Service Corps (JNSC) during their Passing Out Parade at Up Park Camp, yesterday. More than 250 graduates have completed the year-long training and will matriculate into the different brigades of the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF).

**Security Ministry empowering unattached youth through JNSC**

More than 5000 unattached youth have been trained by the Ministry of National Security, through the Jamaica National Service Corps (JNSC) in technical skills and personal development.

While delivering remarks yesterday at the Passing Out Parade for the JNSC Intake 2021/02, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Courtney Williams, said the initiative provides youth with opportunities **“to gain meaningful life skills and**

**become more productive members of the Jamaican society”.**

**“Jamaica’s national security and the safety of its citizens rest heavily on a coordinated system of distinct agencies and entities, whose programmes, projects and investments help to build out the country’s security apparatus, propel public safety and maintain public order,”** he added.

The graduation ceremony was held at the Polo Field Grounds at Up Park Camp in Kingston, on September 23.

He emphasised that the Ministry is working assiduously to combat crime and violence by implementing new policies, legislations and mechanisms while ensuring competent, well-trained, highly motivated, and disciplined staff remain at the nucleus of national security.

Mr. Williams charged the graduates to use their training to serve Jamaica while strengthening national defence. **“As you enter an intrinsically dynamic and transformative service, my charge to you is never to stop seeking new opportunities for training and professional growth.”**

The 256 graduates, representing the tenth intake, have completed all phases of the 12-month training programme that covered topics such as Weapons Handling, First Aid, and Military Service Knowledge. The graduates will transition into the regular force under the Jamaica Defence Force’s (JDF) “Force Generation Plan” and further strengthen resources to create a safer Jamaica.

The JNSC supports the Government’s LEGS (Learn, Earn, Give-Back and Save) Programme and the National Military Engagement Programme (NMEP) geared towards positively impacting young people through increased employment, employability and positive engagement. The programme also contributes to the Government’s Housing, Opportunity, Production and Employment Programme (HOPE).