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Chief Technical Director in the Ministry of National Security, Shauna Trowers (right) and Acting Commissioner of Corrections in the Department of Correctional Services, Dr. Marc Thomas (left) share a moment with two inmates and Correctional Officer, Yvette Robinson Cohen who were recognised for attaining an Associate Degree in Business Administration from the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean. The event was held at the South Camp Adult Correctional Centre on Thursday, November 30, where fifty inmates and three correctional officers were recognised for their academic achievements.

Inmates upon release to benefit from vocational skills training received while incarcerated

Chief Technical Director in the Ministry of National Security, Shauna Trowers says that inmates upon release will be able to earn an income from vocational skills training received while incarcerated.

“I want to emphasize the importance of Goal 3 of the National Correctional Services Policy (NCSP) which aims to create and manage the efficient industries within our correctional facilities,” she said.

The Chief Technical Director further added that, **“the prison industries will provide vocational skills training and first-hand work experiences to incarcerated offender clients. This will aid in generating income earning opportunities upon release from the Correctional Centre.”**



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She said that the NCSP will play a crucial role in the Government's thrust to rehabilitate and reintegrate offenders.

She was delivering the keynote address on behalf of the Minister of State, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn, at a Graduation Ceremony at the South Camp Adult Correctional Centre today (November 30).

Trowers encouraged the graduates to use every opportunity to enhance their skills to become more marketable which will better assist the reintegration process.

“We continue to engage stakeholders in order to create a sustainable avenue for your reintegration into society as law-abiding and productive citizens,” she noted.

The Chief Technical Director added that the Government remains committed to further developing its comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration plans.

“This plan seeks to reduce reoffending by engaging our young women and men across the correctional facilities through academic endeavours, skills training, counselling, attention to psychosocial needs, sports and many other targeted initiatives,” she highlighted.

Fifty inmates and three correctional officers were recognised for their academic achievements in: Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Examinations, obtaining Associate Degrees in Business Administration, customer service training, data entry processor training and other areas.

