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Photo Caption: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang congratulates Col. Desmond Edwards, Director General, Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) on the launch of the MOCA Polygraph Examiners' Course. The ceremony was held at the National Police College of Jamaica in Twickenham Park, St. Catherine.

MOCA Strengthens Security Through New Polygraph Course

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang lauds the implementation of the first Polygraph Examiners' Course by the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA).

“The Polygraph Examiners’ Course will further strengthen the Government’s capacity and emphasise the integrity assurance of our institutions to combat the emerging crime eco-system,” said Minister Chang while delivering remarks at the official launch of the course at the National Police College of Jamaica on Monday (October 10).

The 10-week course is the first of its kind in the Caribbean and is aimed at strengthening integrity screening to clients seeking employee recruitment, staff on-boarding and general vetting services.

The course, which is a partnership between the Canadian Police College (CPC) and MOCA is intended for persons who wish to practise as polygraph examiners and wish to become a member of the Canadian Association of Police Polygraphists (CAPP) and by extension, the American Polygraph Association (APA), the primary accrediting body.

According to Minister Chang, **“MOCA continues to conduct investigations and operations with the highest level of quality and integrity while fulfilling its mandate to target organised crime and corruption.”**

Eight participants of Cohort One are registered to complete 400 hours of the 10-week intensive training. Upon the successful completion of this programme, participants will complement the existing cadre of practising polygraph examiners within the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA), the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and the Department of Correctional Services (DCS).