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**Minister Chang clarifies misrepresentation of reference to UTech students in the media**

Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, is apologizing to the University of Technology for the misrepresentation of a statement made in the media last Friday.

On Friday, May 26, a media house reported that Minister Chang had said that the University of Technology (UTech) is a source of the so-called ‘university scammers’.

**“I must apologize to the University of Technology for the misrepresentation of my statement featured in the media a few days ago. I was making the point that scamming now involves persons at all levels, including some at the tertiary level. Unfortunately, as our society grapples with this increase in scamming, far too many of our young adults are opting for the quick cash and risky lifestyle of scamming”.**

He further indicated that scamming is a prevalent issue among the nation’s youth.

**“Scamming is a widespread problem that is being practiced by young people of varying socioeconomic backgrounds. Some of our brightest young minds are being absorbed in this particular type of crime. This is a grave concern and a matter that the Ministry is seeking to disrupt.”** Minister Chang explained.

The Government of Jamaica, through the Ministry of National Security, remains committed to providing social intervention programmes such as the ‘*Liv Gud*’ initiative, where we encourage persons to desist from wrongdoing and to have respect for one another.

The Minister congratulated the University of Technology for being one of Jamaica’s longstanding and well-established tertiary institutions that continues to contribute significantly to the development of well-trained professionals.