



**MESSAGE FROM
THE MOST HON. ANDREW HOLNESS, ON, MP
PRIME MINISTER**

Civil Service Week 2017

Civil Servants play an essential role in the development of our country. They remain integral to the development of our democracy through the formulation and implementation of national policies that drive our growth and development.

Thomas Kettle wrote that “Life is growth; growth is change; and the one think of which we are certain is that society must keep moving”. This is true of our Jamaican society. As our democracy matures, civil servants form the stable structure and support which guides the Government’s administrative system.

In commemorating Civil Service Week, we celebrate the achievements, hard work and commitment of thousands of men and women who comprise an evolving, vibrant and robust public sector.

As the government moves to create a more efficient and productive public sector, I implore civil servants to remain steadfast in your adherence to the principles of integrity, accountability and transparency.

Through the transformation programme, we will implement strategic initiatives and programmes which will bring about the required levels of efficiency. A repositioned workforce will foster more effective partnerships between the public and private sector thereby stimulating economic growth and job creation.

As we embark on this journey to transformation and renewal of the public sector, we seek your continued support to make Jamaica the true pearl of the Caribbean.

The theme for this year’s staging of Civil Service Week: **“Diligently and Holistically Advancing Quality Public Services for a Better Jamaica”** highlights the importance of our hard-working civil servants who provide gold standard service, paving the way for the advancement of our beloved country and a better way of life for our people.

I applaud you for your years of contribution. You have indeed served your country well. Thank you for staying the course and serving with distinction.

I extend my best wishes for a successful week of activities as you celebrate and highlight the achievements of civil servants.

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Prime Minister