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The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce was established in 1965 and is a non-profit organisation that exists to Support, Promote and Protect Cayman business and the wider community. We proudly represent more than 700 businesses and associations from every major industry sector and have recently expanded our operations to include a Visitors Centre.

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Leadership Cayman gets an education

Leadership Cayman (LC) recently visited University College of the Cayman Islands as part of their third seminar that focused on the Education system in the Cayman Islands. This seminar was organised by programme participants Nadia Hardie and Johann Moxam and Planning Committee representative Sheena Thompson. The seminar was sponsored by Damon Hardie Design, CML Offshore Recruitment, and Merrill Lynch.

The purpose of this seminar was to have a better understanding of the how the education system functions as well as the challenges faced by those involved. Speakers for the seminar included Honourable Minister Rolston Anglin, UCCI President Roy Bodden, Senior Policy Advisor for Special Needs Education Brent Holt, Chief Education Officer Shirley Wahler and CML Offshore Recruitment representative Steve McIntosh.

*"The format of group discussions rather than guest speaker presentations increases the impact of the Leadership Cayman experience. The value of dialogue among the gathered professional leaders and guest speakers is immense, and I am always reminded that success is measured not only by what is gained by participants but also what I have learned and carried away with me as a guest speaker." - **Brent M. Holt** Senior Policy Advisor*

*Mentoring and co-ordinating the Education and Workforce Development seminar was an enlightening and truly rewarding experience. The professionalism, dedication and experience of the panelists and class; coupled with the opportunity to share ideas, challenges, successes and best practices made the seminar invaluable. - **Sheena Thompson***

The next Seminar will be held in the Sister Islands as the Leadership Cayman Group looks at the challenges faced by the public and private sectors of Little Cayman and Cayman Brac.

The Chamber's Leadership Cayman programme (LC) was developed in answer to a need to ensure men and women of all types of backgrounds could access the information and experience to help them develop as leaders within our community. The six-month programme is designed to allow



participants a deeper understanding of social, economic, business and political issues affecting us all, whilst they develop their own personal leadership styles and nourish their community spirit.

Class members interact with diverse, high-level community leaders and decision makers by organising and attending a series of seminars and retreats in areas ranging from business, government, education, media, social services, criminal justice, diversity, the arts and more. A trip to the Sister Islands also introduces the group to some of the unique issues facing Cayman Brac and Little Cayman as our smaller and less developed communities. Meeting typically every other Wednesday of the month (5:00 – 9:00 p.m.), the LC group forges strong friendships as they take this inspiring journey together. Each graduating class will be invited to join the LC Alumni Association and use it to network both here in the Cayman Islands and also with similar overseas programmes. END

Photos: The Leadership Cayman Group poses with Guest Speakers

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