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LC looks at Cayman's diversity

On March 28, the Leadership Cayman group looked at diversity within the Cayman Islands as their seminar topic. The seminar aimed to explore multiculturalism, the national diversity of our community and immigration policies that manage population growth and our globalised workforce. Participants toured the Department of Immigration, led by Training and Development Manager Jenifer Gager-Sterling, then met with Deputy Chief Immigration Officers Samantha Bennett, Gary Wong and Bruce Smith to discuss the various functions of the Department as well as challenges, issues and upcoming developments in their mission to contribute to the safety, security and prosperity of the Cayman Islands.

Planning Committee Representative was Aubrey Bodden and group organisers were Malcolm Ellis and Katie O'Neill. The venue was provided by George Town Public Library (special thanks to KC Williams, Director of Public Libraries). Seminar sponsors were Appleby.

Following the tour, Breezes by the Bay catered a delicious Filipino meal of stewed beef caldareta and rice, vegetarian pancit and buko fruit salad before we broke into smaller discussion groups. Nick Joseph shared his knowledge and expertise in Immigration Law as well as his personal experiences with diversity and how our community has changed. Participants had the opportunity to consider how immigration policies and other tools balance Caymanian protectionism and controlled population growth against business needs and the realities of our globalised world. Arturo Usura gave participants an insight into his role as Honourary Consul for the Philippines as participants discussed the more "human" side of diversity and multiculturalism and had the opportunity to consider how they as community leaders can work to promote harmony and positive relationships between all members of the Cayman community.

The Guest Speakers were Nick Joseph – Partner, Appleby Law Firm and Arturo Usura – Honourary Consul for the Philippines.

"The program is truly impressive and it is a privilege to have been able to be associated with it. I am certain the insights it provides from divergent and wide ranging sources will enable all participants to gain a more complete understanding of the challenges which face our rapidly changing society, and



confident it will assist them in ensuring a vibrant and healthy environment in which to live and grow their businesses.” – **Nick Joseph**

“This seminar allowed participants to learn about the meaningful ways in which diversity affects our community and how we as leaders can really embrace those differences while recognising the issues that may also arise. Our wonderful speakers led us in discussions of diversity as more than an abstract concept and I think everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on how it impacts our community.” – **Aubrey Bodden**

Leadership Cayman (LC) is a dynamic, intensive, interactive, six-month experience designed to promote and enhance community leadership through an in-depth introduction to social, economic, business and political issues in the Cayman Islands. LC class members interact with diverse, high-level community leaders and decision-makers by organising and attending a series of seminars and retreats in fields ranging from business, government, education, media, social services, criminal justice, diversity, the arts and more. Through these interactions, members learn about their personal leadership styles, nourish their community spirit and gain invaluable understanding of how our community works.

For more information visit www.leadershipcayman.ky or email tiffany.ebanks@caymanchamber.ky

PHOTOS:

- 1) The Leadership Cayman group pose with guest speakers at the LC Diversity Seminar

