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Leadership Cayman Intrigued at the Criminal Justice System

Sponsored by KPMG, the second seminar of the 2014 Leadership Cayman (LC) programme took place at the offices of KPMG in Cricket Square. The seminar entitled “Criminal Justice” was organised and moderated by LC class members **Mr. David Stephens** and **Ms. Paolo Juarez-Machado**, together with 2014 LC Chair **Mr. Steve McIntosh** and past graduate **Ms. Lynn Merizalde-Orobio** who was very instrumental in guiding class members as the seminar was organised.

The Criminal Justice seminar commenced with a tour of the George Town Police Station. The consensus of the group was that this tour enlightened all of the conditions under which the members of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) carry out their daily duties. The tour was followed by dinner at the Brasserie and then in-depth discussion sessions where class members gained first-hand knowledge from leaders in the sector. Panellists invited to address the group at this seminar included **Mrs. Suzanne Bothwell**, Senior Crown Counsel (Civil Advisory), Attorney General’s Chambers; **Mr. David Baines**, Commissioner of Police; **Mr. Neil Lavis**, Director of Prisons; **Ms. Teresa Echenique Bowen**, Director, Department of Community Rehabilitation; and **Ms. Joan West-Dacres**, Executive Director, National Drug Council.

Seminar mentor, **David Bailey** commented *“The panel discussions highlighted the importance of having adequate resourcing as well as public awareness and education on the various sectors of our Criminal Justice system.”* Seminar moderator and Leadership Cayman class member **Paola Juarez-Machado** further added *“The Criminal Justice session provided an enlightening and rarely seen perspective on the RCIPS, HMP Prison and our Rehabilitation organisations. We were quite intrigued by the challenges that exist across the board and how our own day to day actions or lack thereof can impact the criminal justice system in the Cayman Islands.”*

Upcoming seminars in the 2014 Leadership Cayman programme will focus on the Sister Islands and on Immigration. The Chamber and Leadership Cayman team acknowledges all sponsors without whom the programme would not be possible. These include Major sponsors Dart Enterprises Ltd. and Cox Lumber. Seminar Supporting sponsors to date include Deloitte, Tower Marketing, Mourant Ozannes, The Alexander Hotel, Walkers, Cayman National Corporation and KPMG. The Chamber is currently seeking additional seminar sponsors for this year’s programme and would welcome all to visit www.leadershipcayman.ky for further details.