



Senator Franklyn visits Cricket Hall of Fame

Senator Delano Franklyn, Minister of State Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, paid a brief visit to Hartford's Cricket Hall of Fame, Saturday, October 28. The senator who is responsible for the preparation of the Jamaican leg of the Cricket World Cup, which will be staged next year, was in Hartford for a Town Hall meeting.

At the meeting held at the West Indian Social Club, he fielded questions on tourism development, the economy, trade, government's spending on the World Cup, road conditions, crime and a literacy program.

Government's investments into the tournament should not be looked on just at its dollar value, he said. "The event is more than just cricket. The tournament is set to reach a television audience of 2.5 billion and as a result the country stands to derive great exposure internationally. The opportunities that will arrive because of the tournament, should greatly impact the economy and our development on a whole. The developments and repairs that are taking place within the infrastructure, like the resurfacing of roads and the upgrading of hospitals, will be of great benefit to the country long after the tournament is over," he said.

Before leaving the Hall of Fame, Senator Franklyn was briefed on the institution's history by its director Michael Chambers, who presented him with an attaché case, a souvenir booklet, a commemorative bat and the book which was published by the Hall of Fame.

Senator Franklyn said that he was impressed with what is taking place at the Hall of Fame and promised to help spread word about the institution.