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Inter-Agency Network Youth Development Programme Project Address by Errol Malcolm on behalf of Dr Lincoln P. Edwards March 8, 2021

Esteemed Leaders, administrators and team members of participating agencies namely:

- The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)
- the Social Development Commission (SDC)
- the HEART/NSTA Trust
- the HOPE Programme
- the Project Management Global Institute (PMGI) and
- Northern Caribbean University (NCU), through its Morris Entrepreneurship Centre – one of the outreach arms of the University
- Leaders and members of the private and public sectors,
- other community based organizations
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,

I bring you greetings from the President of Northern Caribbean University Dr. Lincoln P. Edwards, who is unavoidable absent due to prior overseas engagement, and also from the entire NCU community.

It was just over a year ago on February 4, 2021 that we launched this worthwhile and ambitious programme to educate, train, develop and empower our youths from vulnerable communities. The benefits of this program cannot be overemphasized as within it composition lies the catalyst for sustainable growth and development, community transformation, poverty alleviation, and behavioural modification.



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Our unified strategic & collaboration efforts have brought us to this historic movement of truth in which we celebrate today the first fruits of our engagement. The duty of educating our youths is not an option to be set aside but rather it is an imperative, which if ignored, will lay upon this Nation one of the greatest challenge to sustainable growth and national development.

For over a hundred and twelve years NCU has been engaged in training, development and empowerment of youths and wishes to emphasize once more our sincere commitment to the joint efforts of this Inter-Agency Network Youth Development Programme.

It is also with heartfelt pride and pleasure that I congratulate our first batch of graduates this morning. You are all winners.

Partners, colleagues, and friends, our vision is clear, with God's help, our mission is possible, let us not only dream of a bright future, let us continue to work to realize our dreams. We have embarked on a journey, and together we can make it to our destination. May God bless you all.