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Thompson reenforces GB becoming Tech Hub at Annual GBHS Career Fair

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SENATOR KWASI THOMPSON

Minister of State for Grand Bahama Senator J. Kwasi Thompson delivered remarks on the occasion of the 5th Annual Grand Bahama High School Industrial and Technical Career Fair at the Grand Lucayan Resort on Wednesday, March 14.

Thousands of junior and senior high school students are expected to attend the two-day event, which is due to a collaborative effort of the Office of The Prime Minister and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

"Approximately 200 students from Grades 9 to 12 will have face-to-face interactions with personnel from over 30 organi-

zations in Grand Bahama learning about existing careers and future career trends in various fields in the private and public sectors," revealed Senator Thompson, who went on to state, "I am very pleased to note that the number of organizations represented at the Technical Career Fair has increased tremendously from 20 last year to 36 this year signifying steady growth of the technical and technology industry as well as interest in it.

"This year, we also see growth in school participation and for the first time, students from East End Junior High School and Pine Forest Academy will participate in this event.

"The government hopes to continue these trends going forward especially as we continue to drive Grand Bahama to become the Technology Hub it is

destined to be."

Acknowledging the fact that Grand Bahama is well suited to become the Silicon Valley of The Bahamas and the Caribbean Region, Senator Thompson advised all to expect an upcoming shift in the job market, as the island becomes the premier place for cutting-edge technology ventures and businesses.

Additionally, the Minister of State for Grand Bahama noted that it will be critical for Bahamians, educators and the Government at large to adequately prepare the workforce to capitalize on new opportunities and compete in local as well as global job markets.

"This government remains cognizant of unemployment challenges therefore, we have set out to provide the support and training necessary to make

the pursuit of dynamic, long-term careers and entrepreneurship achievable.

"The Grand Bahama High School Industrial and Technical Career Fair is just one avenue through which we hope to empower Bahamians.

"Many of the participating students will enter the workforce in

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Road safety is top priority for Transport Ministry

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Frankie Campbell, Minister of Transport and Local Government, noted that he is disturbed by the number of traffic fatalities that have occurred on the streets of the country during the first three months of the year.

Campbell, who was making his contribution to the Mid-year Budget Report in the House of Assembly on Wednesday (March 14) afternoon, noted that his ministry along with other governmental departments and private sector entities, are committed to sensitizing all road users to proper procedures when traversing the streets.



FRANKIE CAMPBELL
Minister of Transport and Local Government

"The issue of which I am most passionate about at this time is undoubtedly road safety. As a 29-year veteran of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, I am fully aware of the impact that road traffic accidents have on this nation. Road safety is a critical issue that knows no demographic or geographic

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TOP DEBATERS - The Royal Bahamas Police Force Grand Bahama Debate team was greeted at the GB Airport with much fanfare and accolades after successfully competing and winning a speech and debate competition in Nassau this week. On hand to congratulate the team was Senior ACP Samuel Butler and officers from various divisions. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

RBPF Northern District team out-talks opponents for the win

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The Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBP) Grand Bahama Division Debate and Speech All-star team traveled to the capital to represent island in the

law enforcement national event, and yesterday returned with the victory.

The National Debate and Speech Competition was a part of the Police Month activities.

Fellow officers welcomed the team at the Grand Bahama International Airport Domestic Terminal on Thursday (March

15). The team went to New Providence and competed against the All-star team on Wednesday, March 14 at the Paul Farquharson Centre.

Upon arrival, team coach, Superintendent Walter Henderson presented the floating trophy, that the team was awarded, to

RBPF Northern District chief, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Samuel Butler.

"They didn't give us a score, but at the end they told us we won," said Supt. Henderson.

He noted that the evening was filled with excitement and in the end Grand Bahama's team consisting of first speaker Corporal Giachele Russell; second speaker Constable Mark Thompson; speech writer Sergeant Sheime-

ko Arthur and Sergeant Nathalie Knowles, and coaches Assistant Superintendent and Police Roston Moss and Superintendent Henderson out-talked the New Providence team for the win.

The topic for the debate, "Would the impending decriminalization of marijuana impact other crimes in The Bahamas" and the team's stance was against it.

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