

PM Says He Intends to Lead a Gov't of Partnership

NEWLY INSTALLED Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, says he intends to lead a Government of partnership, as the "solutions to our problems do not rest with the Government alone."

"To achieve the vision of shared prosperity through inclusive growth and meaningful job creation, now more than ever, Government must lead, activate, empower and build real partnerships," the Prime Minister emphasised.

"The sum of our potential exceeds our problems; our collective capabilities are greater than our challenges. But it is only through partnership that these capabilities and this potential can be seized, harnessed and realised for the good of Jamaica," he added.



Governor-General, His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen (left), presents the Instrument of Appointment to Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness during Thursday's (March 3) swearing-in ceremony at King's House. Looking on is the Governor-General's Aide-de-Camp (ADC), Captain Fenekie Rowe.



Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness is affixed with the insignia of the Order of the Nation (ON), by Chief Justice and Chancellor of the ON, the Hon. Mrs. Zaila McCalla, during Thursday's (March 3) swearing-in ceremony at King's House.



Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness and former Prime Minister the Most Hon. Portia Simpson Miller, share a light moment during the March 3 swearing-in ceremony at King's House.

He pointed out that he was "equally energised and optimistic about a prosperous future for Jamaica."

"I pledge to serve the people of Jamaica faithfully, with all of my energies, all of my heart, mind and soul," he added.

Paying tribute to Mrs. Simpson Miller's stewardship as Prime Minister, Mr. Holness hailed her "long and dedicated service to Jamaica."

While noting that "we may not have been on the same side of the road," Mr. Holness suggested that "as much as possible, we should hold hands in cooperation to overcome obstacles for the good of the country."

Mr. Holness was also invested with the Order of the Nation (ON) by the Chief Justice and Chancellor of the ON, the Hon. Mrs. Justice Zaila McCalla, which formally accords him the title of 'Most Honourable'.

The Governor-General, in congratulating Mr. Holness, noted that economic and social challenges "will require strong and decisive leader-



Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness and the Most Hon. Mrs. Juliet Holness, with sons Adam (front right) and Matthew during the March 3 swearing-in ceremony at King's House.

ship" of the new Prime Minister.

In this regard, the Governor-General expressed the hope that he will attain success as you lead our country.

Also lauding Mrs. Simpson Miller's stewardship, the Governor-General said her place is "securely etched in Jamaica's history."

This is the second time that Mr. Holness is being sworn in as Prime Minister, having served as the ninth Head of Government from October 23, 2011 to January 5, 2012.

Mr. Holness, at age 43, remains the youngest person to be installed as Jamaica's Prime Minister, since the country gained political independence in 1962. He was 39 at the time of his initial appointment in 2011.

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Mr. Holness was speaking during his inauguration ceremony at King's House, on Thursday, March 3, where he was sworn into office by Governor-General, His

Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen.

The Prime Minister said it is with a "deep sense of gratitude, honour and

humility" that he took the Oath of Office, "fully conscious of the magnitude of

expectations and responsibility I have assumed."

Entertainment Highlights



Prime Minister the Most Honourable Andrew Holness (right) performs with artiste Nesbeth as he sings 'My Dream' at the swearing-in ceremony at King's House, St. Andrew.

Ms. Ana Strachan performs the patriotic song, 'I Saw My Land in the Morning'.



Dancers perform during an item from reggae artiste, Nesbeth, as he sings 'My Dream' at the swearing-in ceremony at King's House, St. Andrew.

Ms. Chevelle Franklyn sings 'Great is Thy Faithfulness'.



A section of the gathering who attended the swearing-in ceremony for Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, at King's House. A wide cross-section of persons, including dignitaries, officials, and many Jamaicans, were on hand to witness the transition of leadership from outgoing Prime Minister the Most Hon. Portia Simpson Miller to Mr. Holness.

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The ceremony featured musical presentations by gospel recording artiste, Chevelle Franklyn; vocalists, Ana Strachan and Nesbeth; and Saxophonist, Nicholas Laraqe. The Jamaica Defence Force Massed Bands provided musical accompaniment.



Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness peruses a document on his first day on the job at the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), St. Andrew, on Friday, March 4.