

Media Advisory

Who: Edward Shakes, Executive Director Jamaican

Foundation for Lifelong Learning

Invites your partnership in publicising the marquis event to mark Jamaica's observance

of International Literacy Day

What: Launch of a poster and essay competition under the international theme: Literacy is the

best Remedy

When: TODAY, Monday, September 8, 2008 [International Literacy Day] 3:00 -4:00

p.m.

Where: The Conference Room - Jamaica Employers' Federation 2A Ruthven

Road Kingston 10. [Tel. 926-6762]

Speaker: Mr. Paolo Fontani Education Programme

Manager UNESCO's Office for the Caribbean

Background: This activity also serves as the kick off of the inaugural observance of the period September 7-

October 4 as National Literacy and Lifelong Learning Month under the National Theme:

TRANSFORMING A NATION THROUGH LITERACY.

The objectives for the month's activities are, inter alia to:

- 1. Promote an awareness of the importance of Literacy in national development
- 2. Extend literacy practitioners' knowledge of effective literacy practices
- 3. Build synergies and establish partnerships among literacy interest groups
- 4. Support UNESCO'S Literacy Decade (2003-2012)