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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO JAMAICA AND THE BAHAMAS VISITS THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE

CCJ, Port of Spain. His Excellency Howard Drake, British High Commissioner to Jamaica and The Bahamas, visited the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) yesterday, 19th January 2012. His Excellency was accompanied by the Deputy High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Susan Curtis.

His Excellency paid a courtesy call on the Honourable Mr. Justice Rolston Nelson, who represented the President of the CCJ, the Right Honourable Sir Charles Michael Dennis Byron. His Excellency met with the Judges of the CCJ, and also with Master Christie-Anne Morris-Alleyne, Court Executive Administrator, and Ms. Paula Pierre, Registrar and Chief Marshal.

His Excellency and the Deputy High Commissioner visited Courtroom 1 where the CCJ’s Systems Manager, Ms. Carlene Cross, facilitated a lecture-demonstration of the CCJ’s courtroom technology. The presentation gave greater insight into the integrated technological solutions and software that are used by the judges, attorneys, media and members of the public when court is in session.

While in the courtroom, both guests were briefed on the types of matters that had been heard at the CCJ, and the trends that had developed over the past seven years of the Court’s existence. In relation to the Original Jurisdiction, His Excellency learned about the cases that have been determined, including the matter of Trinidad Cement Limited v The Caribbean Community [2009] CCJ 4 (OJ), which defined that individuals and private entities can bring a matter to the CCJ to determine their rights and responsibilities under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

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(Photos attached - Photo 1 - The Hon. Mr. Justice Rolston Nelson, representing the President of the CCJ with His Excellency Howard Drake, British High Commissioner to Jamaica)