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Jamalco Employs 70 Tertiary Students



The Jamalco 2019 Summer Employment Programme is now in full gear as some 70 students from tertiary institutions across the island are gaining valuable work experience at the company's operating locations in Manchester and Clarendon.

The programme, which was implemented over 30 years ago, is aimed at providing tertiary students with beneficial industry and work experience along with a monthly stipend to

assist with back-to-school expenses.

Director of Human Resources, Security and Corporate Services, **Christopher Buckmaster**, revealed that Jamalco offers an excellent ground for training in all areas, resulting in a wide range of benefits to the students, as well as to the company.

Mr. Buckmaster also noted that the tremendous demand for the programme, paired with Jamalco's commitment to supporting its operating communities, has resulted in the company exceeding its budget to accommodate the students.

"Over the years, very bright and talented summer students have come here and completed projects that the company has benefitted from. The programme is especially dear to me as I was a summer student and then I was employed the following year. I have now been at the company for 25 years," he said.

Second year Human Resources student at the University of the West Indies, Kedesha Samuels, explained that her experience with the Summer Employment Programme has been very valuable.

"The programme has been very beneficial to my academic and professional development as it has allowed me to get hands-on experience in Human Resources, which is what I'm studying in school. I'd definitely recommend this programme to other students as the experience and networking opportunities are invaluable," she said.

Photo: Summer intern, Jay-Mical Bissoon opens the main steam valve to turbine generator #2.