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**World Post Day 2019  
Jamaica Post  
Postmaster General's Message**



Michael Gentles, Postmaster General, Jamaica Post

The Post and Telecommunications Department (PTD), Jamaica Post, is pleased to join with our partners in celebrating World Post Day, an event that is observed internationally on October 9 annually. This declaration which dates back to 1969 was made by the Universal Postal Congress in an effort to mark the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) creation in 1874.

As outlined by the UPU, "the purpose of World Post Day is to bring awareness to the Post's role in the everyday lives of people and businesses, as well as its contribution to global social and economic development." (<http://news.upu.int/outreach/world-post-day/>).

With a strong legacy that dates back to October 31, 1671, our own local postal service has been at the forefront in executing this mandate and continues to excel in the logistics space, serving both the local and international shipping needs

of our customers. While fostering key partnerships and developing new alliances, the Department remains diligent in honouring its role in today's society.

PTD has made significant strides in modernizing our operations, thereby allowing us to be far more efficient, diverse and a competitive entity. In response to growing market trends and consumer demands, we have expanded our core business of safely delivering mail items both locally and internationally. We have also introduced value added premium products and services such as Klick 'N' Ship Express, a hassle free freight forwarding service, Zip Mail and Fast Track, both local and international expedited services to name a few. Additionally, PTD is far advanced and continues to make progress in automating our operations, promoting our services, renovating our locations and infrastructure, improving service delivery, capacity building and staff development.

As we work to forge new partnerships and solidify existing relationships with our stakeholders, it is incumbent on us to be reminded that the services of Jamaica Post remains available and accessible to all Jamaicans. Our network is expansive, our product offering continues to grow and we are committed to delivering great service and value for money.

We extend warmest regards to the UPU in recognition of 145 years in existence, a significant achievement. As we welcome a new era, we stand ready to lend our support in an effort to continue the guarantee of "One world. One postal network."