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2018 January 17

**Re: 2018 Tourism Youth Congress (Public Speaking Competition) - Bahamas**

Dear Principal/ TAC Staff Advisor,

The Tourism Awareness Unit once again invites our TAC members to participate in the **2018 Tourism Youth Congress**. For this competition, participating clubs are required to select a representative between the ages of 14 and 17 to represent your club in this competition. This competition is coordinated by the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) and will see the Caribbean countries each sending a ***"Junior Minister of Tourism"*** to compete in a public speaking forum on the assigned topics. The finals of the competition will be held in Bahamas, during the CTO's State of the Industry Conference that is also attended by the actual Caribbean Ministers of Tourism. As such, please note that the selected student to represent your club must be no more than 17 years old at the finals of the competition is October. (See attached document for details).

To enter the competition, please complete the attached registration form and send to us by the stated deadline. Then have the student read through the three topics and prepare a three minute presentation of his / her topic of choice for the first round of judging. Each student will also be required to answer a mystery question. Please ensure that to get a better understanding of how this competition works, all participants are encouraged to watch 2016 competition on YouTube at **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5wk4vNtcuo** or simply search on YouTube for CTO Youth Congress 2016. Please note for the first round of judging, students are required to attend in their respective uniforms.

Please see below the schedule for this competition:

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| **Friday, April 27, 2018** | Deadline to submit the name of your club's representative and date of birth (See attached entry form. Email to tacjamaica@visitjamaica.com / fax to 929-9375). |
| **June 7, 2018** | 1st round of judging- JTB Library, 64 Knutsford Boulevard beginning at 10:00am. |
| **Monday, July 09-12, 2018** | Training Workshop |
| **August 1, 2018** | Final judging for local round |
| **October 3-5, 2018** | 2018 CTO Tourism Youth Congress in Bahamas |

Please note that all travel expenses to Bahamas will be covered by the JTB for Jamaica's representative. The student however will be responsible to take care of all matters and expenses relating to passport and visa as will be required.

Thanks in advance for your club's active participation in this competition. Should you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact to contact us at tacjamaica.com or 908-5207-8.

Looking forward to your club's participation as we seek to take home the winning trophy once again… sends us your best!!!

Sincerely,

Wackene Morgan
Tourism Awareness Officer