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**COURTNEY WALSH CELEBRATORY ACTIVITIES**

KINGSTON, March 20 (JIS):

Minister of Tourism and Sport, Portia Simpson Miller, has announced some of the activities proposed by the Courtney Walsh Celebratory Committee to mark the milestone of 500 test wickets achieved by West Indian fast bowler Ambassador Courtney Andrew Walsh.

On Thursday, March 22, Ambassador Walsh and the other returning Jamaican members of the West Indies team will be met at the Norman Manley International Airport by an official party led by Minister Simpson Miller. The party will include Patrick Rousseau, President of the West Indies Cricket Board; Easton McMorris, representing the Jamaica Cricket Board; Joan Wollaston, Ambassador Walsh's mother and Tony Becca, President of the Melbourne Cricket Club.

Following a media conference in the VIP lounge of the airport, Ambassador Walsh and the party will pay courtesy calls on the Governor General, His Excellency the Most. Hon. Sir Howard Cooke, at King's House; Prime Minister P.J. Patterson at Jamaica House and Leader of the Opposition Edward Seaga, at his office.

On Saturday, March 24, the Melbourne Cricket Club will host an 'open house' from 3:00 p.m. at which entertainment of Ambassador Walsh's choice will be provided.

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Minister Simpson Miller has advised that the bulk of the celebrations for Ambassador Walsh were being planned to take place after the final test match in Jamaica in April. “We must be mindful that Ambassador Walsh is between test matches and will need to focus on preparing for the next test in Barbados during his short visit home. We have all agreed that a series of activities will take place after the final test match, details of which will be announced later”.

She reiterated her congratulations to Ambassador Walsh on behalf of the Government and people of Jamaica. “All of Jamaica, the West Indies and indeed cricketing communities of the world recognise the contribution Ambassador Walsh as made to the development of the sport, and as a beacon of sportsmanship, honour and humility. It is our desire to celebrate his achievements and his career in a manner of which he is most deserving.”