



H.M. Prison Service

Completion of Prison Officer Entry Level Training and Ministry of Justice OT Training & Development Deployment

Recognition Event: Plantation House 19 July 2023

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today, we gather to celebrate the successful completion of 120 hours of entry-level prison officer training by three individuals. This training has covered essential topics crucial to the operation of our Prison Service, including safety, security, officer well-being, and resettlement.

Our new officers (Karim, Blessing and Pedro) have immersed themselves in understanding the protocols and procedures necessary to maintain a safe environment for staff and prisoners. Their training has focused on officer safety, equipping them with the skills to handle diverse situations professionally and maintain order within the prison walls.

Additionally, emphasis has been placed on the importance of resettlement, as we believe in providing support and guidance to prisoners during their journey towards reintegration into society. By instilling hope and facilitating access to resources, we foster positive change and reduce reoffending.

I commend the dedication and commitment shown by our new officers in upholding justice and ensuring community safety. They join an experienced team of dedicated prison staff, some of whom were recently recognized for their outstanding service with long service and good conduct awards.

I want to express our gratitude to Senior Officer Chris George, who leads our training efforts, for his valuable contribution. We also extend our thanks to Mr. David Butler-Trump, the Ministry of Justice Overseas Territories Prison Development and Training Manager, for his three-week deployment to our remote island. His audit of the Saint Helena Prison Service and comprehensive training will greatly enhance our operational efficiency.

Equipped with updated training materials and guided by the experience of our existing team, our new officers are prepared to carry out their duties with excellence, integrity, and compassion. Together, we strive to create a safe and rehabilitative environment within our prison.

Congratulations once again to our new prison officers on this remarkable achievement. We also extend our gratitude to the Ministry of Justice for their ongoing support to our Prison Service. Thank you.

His Excellency Governor Nigel Phillips & Jay Kendall, Superintendent of Prisons.