

Lisa Hanna Addressed Old Boys Luncheon

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The first quarterly luncheon was held on 2008 April 17 at the Police Officers' Club on Hope Road. The guest speaker was Lisa Hanna, Miss World 1993, and currently opposition member of Parliament.



Lisa Hanna MP

After a hiatus of about eight years, the executive took the decision to restart this activity as it went a far way in bringing old boys together on a regular basis outside of the Annual General Meeting.

Well over 100 old boys cramped into the main meeting of Hall of the Police Officers Club to listen to Ms Hanna presentation. Ms. Hanna's in her address to the old boys spoke about the "self-imposed emasculation of

the Jamaican males and cited the education system as a breeding ground for this phenomenon. Continuing, she stated "for a variety of reasons, our young men in high schools are creating an inhospitable environment for their peers, and I am aware of the worrying trend...where those children who are responsive and attentive are often ridiculed by other boys in their schools and described as homosexuals, effeminate or otherwise, non-man". She

cited three main issues in putting into context the emasculation of the Jamaican males, which she argued was not due to female dominance in positions of power. The issues cited are:



(L-R) Colonel (Ret'd) Reggie Chin, Senator, Hon Dwight Nelson and Ian Wong



Justice (Ret'd) Ian Forte and Lisa Hanna MP

- The increase in fatherless homes resulting in women becoming recognized as the breadwinners,
- In an effort to prevent or survive the peer pressure, many of our male students have chosen to reject the formal discipline of scholarly



Senator Hon. Dwight Nelson presenting Lisa Hanna MP with a token of appreciation, with Charles Williams in the background

pursuit for the very easy way for being accepted,

- The Jamaican male is in emotional denial.

At the end of her well received addressed, Miss Hanna was presented with token gift by acting Minister of National Security Senator, Hon. Dwight Nelson.

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