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First Group of Hospitality Students Graduate from SLASPA Facilitated Princess Cruises 2008 Caribbean Internship Program

Castries – Thursday April 30, 2008 - The Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) in collaboration with Princess Cruises and Carib Travel held the Graduation Ceremony for the 2008 Internship students on Thursday April 24, 2008 aboard the Royal Princess. This internship afforded the students an opportunity to understudy existing Princess Cruises crew on a rotational basis in the Bar, Restaurant, Accommodation and Pursers Departments while the vessel was in port.

In attendance, were the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Communication, Works, Transport and Public Utilities, Mr. Ben Emmanuel, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mr. Darrel Montroupe and the General Manager/CEO of SLASPA, Mr. Sean Matthews. All three officials addressed the students, congratulating them on their achievements and thanked Princess Cruises for undertaking this venture in partnership with SLASPA and Carib Travel.

Speaking at the Graduation Ceremony, Glen Lake, a student of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College said “On behalf of my fellow classmates, I would like to thank SLASPA, Princess Cruises and Carib Travel for affording us this opportunity to intern on board the ship. We have learnt so much about the various positions offered and I personally hope to continue in the hospitality field and maybe even get a job on one of the ships.”

Both Princess Cruises and SLASPA look forward to the next Internship which will hopefully commence February 2009.



Students and Teachers with Princess Cruises Crew