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SLASPA, Carib Travel and Princess Cruises continues Internship Program for 2009

Castries – Wednesday February 18, 2009 - The Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) in collaboration with Princess Cruises and Carib Travel is continuing their internship program for tertiary level students this year. The Internship will be onboard the Caribbean Princess, while berthed at Port Castries. The students will be provided with an opportunity to understudy existing Princess Cruises crew on a rotational basis in the Bar, Restaurant, Accommodation and Pursers Departments.

A welcome ceremony took place aboard the Royal Princess on February 18, 2009. In attendance, were the Minister of Communication, Works, Transport and Public Utilities Honorable Guy Joseph and Minister of Education Senator the Honorable Gaspard Charlemagne, students and teachers of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and representatives from SLASPA and Carib Travel. While onboard, the students got a preliminary view of what to expect when they start their understudy in a few days.

Speaking at the Welcome Ceremony, Minister Joseph applauded the aforementioned organizations for this undertaking, which clearly showed their social responsibility to the nation and the development of its people. He also indicated that the most authentic and enriching experience to visitors in St. Lucia is human contact, and therefore, the nation's service providers must be trained and retrain to make them the best in the world.

In recognition of the achievement of the students, a graduation ceremony is being planned for April 2009, where the students will be awarded with certificates for their internship.

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