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THE VALLEY – The year 2013 will be celebrated and recognised worldwide as the International Year of Statistics (“Statistics2013”) for the contributions of statistical science. Through the combined energies of organizations worldwide, Statistics2013 will promote the importance of Statistics to the broader scientific community, business and government data users, the media, policy makers, employers, students, and the general public.

The goals of Statistics2013 include:

- increasing public awareness of the power and impact of Statistics on all aspects of society;
- nurturing Statistics as a profession, especially among young people; and
- promoting creativity and development in the sciences of Probability and Statistics

All in an effort to bring greater awareness to statistics as a key scientific discipline the SAS Institute in partnership with the Statistics2013 Steering Committee has developed a video which portrays the many ways statistics affect our lives, titled. “Improving Human Welfare in 2013 International Year of Statistics” can be view at the following link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTBZuQR7dRc&feature=player_embedded and will be circulated by the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD). A logo depicting the word 'statistics’ in the various universal languages has also been designed.
Statistics is used in all facets of our day-to-day life; health, music, agriculture, communication, transportation – road, rail, sea and air, manufacturing, environmental management, energy use and conservation and governmental management.

Statistics is not a "support area" like administrative services but is a science built on probability and mathematics among other key sciences, such as health, engineering, ICT among others.

The Anguilla Statistics Department has pledged its support to this activity and during the course of the year will place special emphasis on various activities to engage students and potential students of statistics as well as academia, the business community and other governmental agencies, in an effort to help individuals become more aware of statistics as a key scientific discipline.

We therefore seek the public's support in the upcoming events planned for 2013.

‘Sound Statistics for Sustainable Development’

If you’d like more information on “Statistics 2013” please visit the Anguilla Statistics Department or visit the website.

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