Press Release
October 16th to 21st 2016 is Statistics Week in Cayman

In 1997, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in its 29th session strongly recommended countries to celebrate statistics days or weeks, for the following key reasons:

- To promote people’s awareness of statistics and their value, and encourage their support for statistics and for providing data;
- To promote the use of statistics;
- To bring together users and producers of statistics; and
- To improve relationships between statistical authorities and the media.

Since 2007, the Cayman Islands celebrated Statistics Week. This year, there will be a week-long series of local activities from 16th – 21th October, 2016. The local celebration supports the Global Statistics Day on October 20th, 2016, and the Regional Statistics Day coordinated by the CARICM on October 15th, 2016.

The Week starts with a thanksgiving within the worship service of the Cayman Islands Baptist Church on October 16th.

The Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Marco Archer is expected to issue a statement on October 17th (Monday) articulating the theme of Statistics Week: “Advancing Statistics for Improving People’s Lives.”

The Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) will have presentations of “Statistics and You” to Grade 11 students in Clifton Hunter High School and Grades 9 to 12 students in Wesleyan Christian Academy. The presentation is expected to show how simple surveys can help understand the characteristics of a body of students that comprise a class or a school.

To promote the use of statistics, the Radio Cayman Talk Today host Mr. Dwayne Sterling Ebanks in cooperation with ESO, will be hosting a daily mini presentation of local statistics on various subject in a segment called “Do You Know?” This will be followed by a Stats Quiz for the general public, with the daily winner (the first to call in the correct answer) awarded with a gas voucher and fun prizes by the ESO. A similar package of daily presentation and quiz will be given to civil servants. The youth will also have the opportunity to be exposed to youth-related statistics and Stats Quiz via the Radio Cayman show Youth Flex on Wednesday, October 19th. All Stats Quiz questions will be taken from statistical reports posted in the ESO website www.eso.ky.

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