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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FACULTY OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Will be hosting

An

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On

“BUILT ENVIRONMENT ISSUES in SMALL ISLANDS STATES”

Time: August 14-19, 2005

Location: Kingston, Jamaica

Background

The academic management of the University of Technology, Jamaica, is structured within five faculties, namely, the Faculty of the Built Environment, the Faculty of Business and Management, the Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, the Faculty of Engineering and Computing and the Faculty of Health and Applied Science.

The Faculty of the Built Environment incorporates the School of Building and Land Management and the Caribbean School of Architecture. Within the schools, professional programmes are delivered in the fields of Architecture, Construction Engineering and Management, Land Economy and Valuation Surveying, Land Surveying and Geographic Information Science, Quantity Surveying, and Urban and Regional Planning. The Faculty has an active research and consulting division.

The Conference

The conference is being hosted in the context of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), the recognition of the special circumstances that effect Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the role of academic institutions in this wider picture. Within the inter-relationship between human capital, economic capital, cultural capital, social capital, natural capital, and resource capital, the conference is paying particular attention to the issues effecting the built environment.

One characteristic of SIDS is their vulnerability – from internal and external influences – to serious economic, social, cultural and environmental consequences. These are the result of many inter-connected factors, such as natural hazards; energy importation;

limited range of natural resources; importation of pre-packaged 'solutions' (theoretical and practical); land-use decisions bringing about almost immediate and irreversible results on the quality of community, land, maritime, natural and built environments; the physical and aesthetic sensitivity of conurbations and townships to heritage, built form, scale, place, space and movement.

Within the theme "Built Environment Issues in Small Island States, the conference will be developing sub-themes for the delivery of papers around topics that will cover Land-use and Land Management; Community/Township/Urban Development; Resource and Technology.

It is planned that local, regional and international participants will be attending and contributing to the conference programme, and will be coming from a wide range of backgrounds, viz. academics, professionals, representatives from the private and public sectors and from implementing agencies.

Programme

The invitation for receipt of abstracts, deadlines, and an outline of the conference procedures and facilities will be posted on the University's web site (<http://www.utechjamaica.edu.jm>) in the near future. PLEASE WATCH THAT SPACE.

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