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## **Girl Guide Leaders call on Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture**



**Executives of the Bahamas Girl Guides Association paid a courtesy call on Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, The Honourable Desmond Bannister.**

**Pictured L-R are: Peggy Pinder, Eastern District Commissioner; Marjorie Pinder, Council Member; Rev. Beryl Higgs, President; Martina Goede-Martina; Western Hemisphere Region representative, World Association Of Girl Guides; Minister Bannister; Julia Burnside, Chief Commissioner; Lonice Hart, Programme Commissioner; Theresa Moxey-Ingraham, Programme Committee and Eugene Poitier, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.**

Executive officers of the Bahamas Girl Guides Association paid a courtesy call on The Honourable Desmond Bannister, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture at his office located on Thompson Boulevard. Among the leaders calling on the Minister were President, Reverend Beryl Higgs; Chief Commissioner, Julia Burnside; Ms. Marjorie Davis, Council Member, Mrs. Peggy Pinder, Eastern District Commissioner; Ms. Lonice Hart, Assistant Commissioner - Programme; Mrs. Theresa Moxey-Ingraham, Programmes Committee and Mrs. Grace Goede-Martina, Development Executive, Western Hemisphere Region representative from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scout. Mrs. Goede-Martina visited The Bahamas to explore in which areas the regional body could assist the local guide movement.

Minister Bannister expressed his delight at meeting the group and commended them for producing some of the finest civil servants in The Bahamas. The Minister informed the guide leaders that his Ministry was working on an initiative to capture the history and culture of The Bahamas from the persons who lived are a part of it. The project spearheaded by Mrs. Arlene Nash-Ferguson is slated for launch on TV 13 in early September, 2009. He recommended that it would be an excellent idea for them to capture the history of the guide movement from persons such as Ms. Marjorie Davis, a long-time guide and distinguished former public servant.

He further stated that his Ministry has a mandate from Cabinet to examine all youth programmes to determine their relevance in the national development of The Bahamas. He cited the Girl Guides organization as one body that continues to instill morals and principles in its members. The Minister also pledged the Government's support to the Girl Guides Association in work with young women throughout The Bahamas.

Mrs. Goede-Martina told Minister Bannister that she is as impressed with the Bahamas' Girl Guides programme today as she was in 2005 on her last visit to the country. During the remainder of the regional executive's visit, she travelled to Grand Bahama for a leaders' training and prep rally on that island. She also attended a tea party at Government hosted by the Governor General, His Excellency, Arthur D. Hanna.