**Exposition on the Marriage Officers' Training Seminar**

On the 13th June 2007; the Registrar General's Department hosted at Arian's Restaurant in Twickenham Park, St. Catherine a Marriage Officers' Training Seminar for first-time Marriage officers. In attendance from the RGD were: Dr. Holness (CEO), Mr. Lenroy McAnnuf (Employee of the Month and CEO for the day), Mrs. Petrice Dyer-Walsh (Marriage Supervisor), Monique Lyn-Quee (Acting Manager-Civil Registration and Vital Statistics) and Jullet Grant (Administrative Assistant).

Several issues were addressed at this forum. These included the specific responsibilities of the Marriage Officer and Civil Registrar and common errors to avoid. Caring for marriage documents was also highlighted. The CEO gave a brief presentation where she highlighted some of the unique occurrences involving fraudulent and illegal activities relating to marriages that the Agency had to handle from time to time. She also addressed the issue of Articulo-Mortis-(marriage carried out on death beds).

Lenroy McAnnuf (CEO for the day) delivering a brief presentation at the Agency's Marriage Officers' Training Seminar.

The training seminar, at which approximately 40 marriage officers attended, provided a forum in which many issues involving the duties and responsibilities of the Marriage

Officers were highlighted and clarified. The greater part of the day's proceedings involved a comprehensive examination of the Marriage Act of 1897 which governs all marriage officers and civil registrars.

In addition all marriage officers in attendance were given Identification Cards which will grant theme ease of entry to the Agency.

## Segment of the audience at Marriage Officers' Training Seminar