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From: *Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council*

To: *Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments*

Plucking of 'Goyaves de Chine' at Black River Gorges National Park – Hiking Trail at Alexandra Falls & Cascades 500 Pieds

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks" – John Muir

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising a plucking of 'Goyaves de Chine' at Black River Gorges and hiking at Alexandra Falls and Cascades 500 Pieds, including planting of trees and cleaning on **Sunday, 05 April 2020** for the benefit of public officers and their families.

2. The park harbours most of our plants, birds and geckos which are native to Mauritius. Part of the Black River Gorges National Park has been designated as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. This National Park reveals all the natural splendour of the wildlife, panoramic views, unique landscapes and scenery in Mauritius.

3. Programme of the day:

09:00	Arrival at Pétrin Visitors' Centre
10:00	Departure for Black River Gorges
10:30–12:30	Plucking of 'Goyaves de Chine' & planting of trees and cleaning
12:30	Departure for Alexandra Falls
12:45–13:30	Lunch at Alexandra Falls
13:30–15:30	Trekking to Cascade 500 Pieds (for physically fit persons only)

4. **It is mandatory that participants be physically fit for the hiking trail. The activity is not recommended for children under 05 years.** The Council has taken all safety measures for the excursion. However, participants will have to bear responsibility of any mishap caused by themselves or accompanying members of their family during the excursion.

5. A nominal fee of Rs. 350 will be charged per participant, which is inclusive of lunch, one bottle of water (1 litre) and one soft drink.

6. Departure from pick-up points will be as follows:

(a) Curepipe (near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM)	08:15
(b) Trianon (near ex Shoprite)	08:00
(c) Réduit, University of Mauritius (bus parking)	07:45
(d) Port Louis (Government Centre - near Queen Victoria Statue)	07:40
(e) Pamplemousses (parking - SSR Botanical Garden)	07:30

7. Please note that the buses will leave their respective pick-up points exactly at the time indicated above and will leave Alexandra Falls at 15:30 hours. Participants not availing of transport facilities provided by the Council and latecomers will have to make their own transport arrangements.

8. Public officers interested to join the excursion are requested to fill in the enclosed form at Annex 1 and submit same together with the exact amount to the POWC on the scheduled payment date. Applicants should produce a photocopy of recent pay slip/top part of pay slip indicating the name, pay site code and NIC number or any written evidence/ document attesting that the applicant is a serving public officer.

9. Payment will be received on a "first come first served basis" as from Monday 09 March 2020 as from 09:30 to 14:00 at the seat of the Public Officers' Welfare Council, 6th Floor, ATOM House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis.

Payment can be effected by bank card, cash or cheque to the order of "Public Officers' Welfare Council".

10. No refund will be considered in case of cancellation of participation.

11. The POWC reserves the right to cancel the excursion in case of bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances. Participants will be refunded accordingly.

12. It would be appreciated if the contents of this letter could be brought to the attention of all the staff of your Ministry/Department. A copy of this circular letter is also reproduced on the Council's Website: <http://powc.govmu.org>.



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Organising Secretary

Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations

**Plucking of 'Goyaves de Chine' at Black River Gorges National Park - Hiking Trail at Alexandra
Falls & Cascades 500 Pieds
APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant's Name: *Mr./Mrs./Miss.....
(* Strike as appropriate and SURNAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Designation:.....Tel Off:.....Fax:.....

Ministry/Department:

Office Address:.....

Tel (Res):.....(Cell):..... Email Address:.....

Residential Address:

Pick - up Point (✓) tick as appropriate:			
Pamplemousses [Parking SSR Botanical Garden] (07:30)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trianon [Near Ex Shoprite] (08:00)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Port Louis [Government Centre - Near Queen Victoria Statue] (07:40)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Curepipe [Near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM] (08:15)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Réduit, University of Mauritius [Bus Parking] (07:45)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>

Accompanied By:

S/N	Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Age	Lunch		Amount (Rs)
					Non -Veg	Veg	
SELF (APPLICANT)							
2							
3							
4							
5							
Total							

*Every participant will be provided with bottled water (1 litre), one soft drink and one fruit.

Note:

- (i) Photocopy of recent payslip/top part of payslip indicating the name, pay site code and NIC number or any written evidence/ document attesting that the applicant is a public officer in service should be produced when effecting payment.
- (ii) All safety measures for the excursion have been taken by the organisers.
- (iii) Participants should be physically fit for the hiking. The hiking trail is not recommended under the age of 05 years.
- (iv) No refund will be considered in case of cancellation of participation.
- (v) Participants should abide to instructions provided on the programme of the day.
- (vi) Be assured that all information furnished in the form will be kept confidential.

I and my family members confirm that we are participating in the Hiking Trail at our own risk. I understand by signing this participation form that neither I and/or my family member cannot enter any representation, or statement, or legal action against the Public Officers' Welfare Council.

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Date

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Signature of Applicant

For office use only

Amount Paid _____

Receipt No. _____

Payment Effected **Cash:**
by:

Cheque:

Bank Card:

Cheque No:

