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From: Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council

To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

Civil Service Kermesse 2017

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) will hold its 24th Edition of the Civil Service Kermesse on Sunday 05 November 2017 at the Gymkhana Grounds, Vacoas from 0900 to 1730 hours. Since the POWC is celebrating its 25th year of existence this year, it is envisaging to hold this national event in a grand way to mark its Silver Jubilee.

2. As you are aware, the main objective of the Kermesse is to provide facilities to Staff Welfare Associations (SWAs) of Ministries/Departments in order to enable them to raise funds for the organisation of welfare activities for the benefit of their members. It is also an opportunity for public officers and their families as well as the public in general to meet and interact in a relaxed and friendly environment.

3. Some 60 stalls, each of about 4m x 4m will be made available to SWAs for the sale of items such as foodstuffs, garments, handicrafts as well as for the organisation of recreational activities and also to provide them with the opportunity to promote their services. However, holders of the stalls will not be allowed to sublet their stalls to any third party. Furthermore, hawkers will be strictly forbidden from operating within or near the premises of the Gymkhana Grounds on that day.

4. Entrance will be free and the sale and consumption of alcoholic drinks on the premises will be strictly prohibited.

5. Infrastructural facilities will be put at the disposal of the stallholders free of charge. SWAs willing to participate in the Kermesse are requested to fill in the enclosed participation form, clearly specifying the activities to be organised and forward same to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers’ Welfare Council, 6th Floor, ATOM House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis at latest by Monday 21 August 2017.

6. Responsible Officers for stalls are required to submit, together with the application forms:-
   (a) a passport size photograph; and
   (b) a copy of I.D card

7. With a view to promoting healthy/bio food, the Council would appreciate if SWAs could give details of the variety of food that would be put on sale on that day.

8. Meetings with SWAs will be held to discuss the operational aspects of the Kermesse. The dates, times and venues will be communicated to SWAs in due course.

9. A copy of this circular is also posted on the Council’s website: http://powc.govmu.org

10. The POWC looks forward to a massive participation of SWAs in the event.

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