In the second year of the UWI 2007–12 Strategic Plan period, the Mona Campus succeeded in achieving many of its objectives, despite the financial challenges that beset it. Mona accelerated programmes to advance its teaching, learning and research agendas, and to communicate with, and respond in a more agile way to stakeholder needs. The significant increase in the international student intake, and the overwhelming success in attracting students to the self-financing programmes, are indicative of a well conceived and executed programme aimed at diversifying the Campus’s funding streams.

I am particularly pleased that Mona received public recognition for its work in research, administration and public service during the year. Significantly, the Campus focussed on increasing its work in applied research so as to address some of our region’s urgent development priorities. In addition, the commendable output and effort by faculty, management and staff has placed the Campus in good stead to compete on the international front.

As the tertiary education landscape in Jamaica and the Region undergoes dramatic changes, the Mona Campus will continue to depend on its relationship with and support from government, international donors, employers, alumni and friends to strengthen the institution in its continuing drive to differentiate itself as a world-class academy. We look forward to this support.

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