

RESPONSE

HANDOVER CEREMONY

**THE P.J. PATTERSON
COLLECTION
AND OPENING OF
THE EXHIBITION**

**U.W.I. – REGIONAL
HEADQUARTERS**

APRIL 24, 2018

1. For obvious reasons – choose to avoid a cricket synonym and employ instead one from the horse-racing Industry.

That is a twin double occasion

- (i) The formal handover of my Prime Ministerial Collection
- (ii) The birth of the P.J. Patterson Endowment Fund

It is fitting that both these initiatives come into being during this Celebration of our 70th Anniversary, for in reality both offerings have a common origin – that can be traced to my entry in 1954 to what was then a single campus here at Mona.

2. "After much training, the young men and maidens of the West Indies came to the land of Jamaica – and straightway they made haste into the place that is called MONA, for that they might sit at the foot of the great teachers who lived in that place." - *The Book of the Dead*

3. Nearly every one of these early students will admit that the most precious gift of the many we received was the intuitive acceptance that, no matter the island or mainland territory from which we came, we shared a common destiny and a vision that would oblige us to harness unique talents and peculiar genius in building a

Caribbean civilization
of our own.

4. **The Endowment**

Giving Back

Promoting the

Regional Purpose

The Collection –

Who tell the Story

And write the History

Preservation and Availability

“To take the lead in becoming
the respository of our
collective memory”

Scholarly Research.

Expressions of Thanks

But I say unto you, there is
nothing but save that it should
be brought to light and
wonders are unending.

5. Yea, as deep call to
deep so even will
shallow unto shallow,
for that which was
shallow writ fell upon
people of shallow wit,
wherefore it was well
received and
pronounced good.

It is my fervent hope that today's delightful handover ceremony will mark another milestone in the long and arduous journey as our University of the West Indies continues to reveal our inspiring story of a Caribbean people who have won that full freedom in pursuing the ends of Justice and equity so as to trigger the full release of our immense creative potential.

