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PRESS RELEASE

Senator, the Honourable Erica Jang Attends the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Parliamentary Academy Residency Programme in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

--Friday, 27th September 2024 – **Senator, the Honourable Erica Jang** joined parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from across the Commonwealth at the **Advanced Parliamentary Development Residency Programme**, held in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**, from **22nd to 28th September 2024**.

The CPA Parliamentary Academy was established in 2021, and the Parliament of Belize has been participating in the Residency Programme, since its inception. The programme that Honourable Jang attended, included ten interactive topics discussed over the 5 days period.

Each day, participants had the opportunity to legislate, scrutinize and advocate around a single, central issue. Participants worked alongside experienced mentors who assisted them in developing their skills and identifying strategies for use in their national and domestic contexts.

Additionally, participants tested their skills among colleagues in various settings, including community outreach, the parliamentary chamber, and committee rooms.

At the end of the programme, participants were able to gain skills and insights in the following areas:

- Identifying characteristics of effective parliamentarism in the 21st century;
- In-depth analysis and understanding of the legislative process;
- Strengthened communication, presentation, and influencing skills;
- Improved scrutiny and oversight capabilities;
- Enhanced engagement with external stakeholders for mutual benefit; and
- Increased capacity for analysis, planning, and evaluative research.

The meeting and travel expenses for the Honourable Jang were made possible through the support of the CPA. She departed Belize on Thursday, 19th September 2024, and is expected to return on Sunday, 29th September 2024.

For more information about the CPA Parliamentary Academy, please visit www.cpahq.org or email hq.sec@cpahq.org.

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