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If I am Chief Immigration Officer of the Cayman Islands for a Day...

If I am Chief Immigration Officer for a day, I will make sure that all my constituents in the Cayman Islands are treated fairly in terms of having a good quality of life, by making sure that all the young people will be able to attend school and finish their studies. This will ensure that in the future, young Caymanians will be the main source of our labour force, so that the Immigration Department will not have to deal with so many work permits. Making the people of Cayman well-educated, even in technical and professional services, is a must.

I will also make sure that all Caymanians are well protected by the rules and regulations of our land, such as being given priority for jobs, businesses, and house ownership. {And} by protecting our borders and increasing sea patrols to secure our waters from other foreign territories that sometimes use [them] for illegal fishing, drugs and other illegal activities, such as smuggling prohibited items into our Islands.

As the Chief Immigration Officer, I will ensure that both employers and employees are abiding by the Immigration Laws such as making sure the employees are treated fairly. Example: proper salaries, good benefits like health insurance and pensions and employers giving their employees good quality working conditions as both of them are very essential for the success of our Islands' economy.

If I am the Chief Immigration Officer for a day, I will make sure that people visiting our country will not stay longer than their permit. I will send persons home if they are found with a serious item or weapon or for telling lies in order to stay here.

I will also make sure that the people that have damaged passports are given another passport. This happens a lot. They might have accidentally put their passports in their washing machines or have dropped their passports in water. Some people have expired passports and are not able to travel even if they want to. So they would need to renew their passports so that they can travel to other countries; I will help out in this way.

I will also want to help people to get their visas for the USA or Canada so that they can visit their relatives and friends freely. Some residents in the Cayman Islands want to have status, so I would give them full screening to see if they are eligible for Caymanian Status and to be full Caymanians.

Being the Chief Immigration Officer in the Cayman Islands for a day is hard work. I need to depend on my team of workers and my fellow Caymanians to achieve my goals.