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International Girls in ICT Day

Students enjoy a 'high tech' day exploring careers in the ICT sector

Students and teachers from more than 15 high schools throughout New Providence joined more than 100,000 young women worldwide in celebrating Girls in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Day recently.

For the first time, women currently working in the ICT sector in The Bahamas took to the stage to share their experiences and wealth of knowledge with eager future ICT aspirant professionals.

Upon entering the room, the young ladies immediately realized it was no ordinary seminar. Technology fixtures, themes and backdrops, set the tone for an exciting and stimulating day of learning and sharing.

The one day symposium and trade fair was opened by Attorney General Allyson Maynard Gibson, QC, who commended the organizers for ensuring that students, particularly females, received the necessary and appropriate information to encourage them to pursue careers in the ICT sector.

The attorney general told the young ladies that there is a wonderful world of opportunities out there for them in the ICT field.

"The possibilities are limitless both in the local and international markets," Maynard-Gibson said.

"I can assure you that if you learn coding, apps development and computer science, you will have powerful tools at your disposal, allowing you to direct and drive economic prosperity for yourself and the overall socio-economic development of our country."

While internationally more than 140 countries have ob-



Participants in the "International Girls in ICT Day" symposium and trade fair at the British Colonial Hilton hotel. The symposium was an initiative of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which is the United Nations specialized agency for telecommunications. The Bahamas is a member of the ITU. The purpose of the day was to promote the information and communications technology sector to girls and young women and inspire them to pursue careers in the sector. FILE