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Jessica Dos Santos is Miss Global Portugal 2012. She entered the beauty pageant Miss Portugal UK earlier in the year – she was awarded the title by Boikanyo, the Director Miss Global Portugal UK, to represent her country in Jamaica in the international final in September because Boikanyo was so impressed with her beauty, the way she carried herself and her photogenic propensity. Jessica was sponsored by her father and she flew to Montego Bay on 14th September. She was supposed to arrive on 15th giving her time to rest before the cocktail party on Sunday evening but visa problems delayed her and her entourage. She arrived a day late with her father, mother, hairdresser and makeup artist!

The cocktail party was at the hotel with most of the other contestants - there being 29 altogether - more than ever before! There followed a week of frenzied activity touring round the Island visiting VIPs, Sponsors & Judges, providing photo opportunities and meeting the people of Jamaica whose friendliness was exceeded only by the oppressive heat of the sun!

Monday: Negril: “Meet the Queen” Cocktail Party, Fashion Show & Karaoke

Tuesday: Jamaica Zoo & at Kingston a Cocktail Party followed by Dinner & Karaoke

Wednesday: Courtesy Calls, Grooming, Tour of Hotel, Boat Ride & Photo Shoot & an evening at Club India

Thursday: Ocho Rios: Dunn’s River Falls, Dolphin Cove (swimming with Dolphins)

VIPs etc included: Prime Minister Portia Lucretia Simpson-Miller, Govenor General Sir Patrick Allen, Commissioner of Police Owen Ellington, Sponsor for Gowns & Swimwear Madame Seductive (Ms Dacion Alexander).

Friday saw the talent show for which Jessica had prepared a rendition of Whitney Houston’s “I will always love you.” She sang well but wasn’t placed in the top ten. Nevertheless she looked forward to hearing who the winner would be the following day at the Grand Coronation Show to be held in the prestigious new Montego Bay Convention Centre!

Then Saturday - the day they had all been waiting for! First the prejudging in swimming costumes from which the judges would choose the top 12 to be announced at the Grand Coronation Show later. 5 hours were reserved for Hair & makeup, grooming & rehearsals with the show starting at 8pm. By 11pm it was all over and unfortunately Jessica was not placed in the top 12 but she had done well for a 17 year old girl without any experience as a model or a beauty contestant.

And the winner was Miss England (Amanda Lillian) with Miss Puerto Rico and Miss Jamaica as 1st and 2nd runners up.

On the following Saturday the Botswana Independence Day celebration organised by Boikanyo was to feature Jessica as a VIP guest together with other VIPS such as: Dr Patricks



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(Director Miss Commonwealth International), Miss Portugal UK 2012 and Miss Global Botswana 2012. Unfortunately Jessica contracted a virus from Jamaica and spent the following 10 days in hospital but is now well and ready to step forward with her charitable works.

She will be working on the School Bus project with her Director, Boikanyo. This is about the kids of Sexaxa Village who have to walk 11 miles to school without breakfast. They plan to raise enough cash to purchase a mini-bus to take the kids to school and use the profits generated by running it as a local taxi to provide them with a breakfast every day – see www.princessboikanyo.org for more information. They will organise a special party for them to celebrate.

Jessica helped Boikanyo organise the Miss Botswana UK part of the Botswana Independence Day event by rehearsing with the models and also helped the event by selling tickets, and promoting it.

Jessica is also Queen of Friends of the Commonwealth 2012 and will be appearing in the international final in November in London. She will be working with Boikanyo to organise Miss Global Portugal 2013 and Miss Commonwealth Portugal 2013.

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