

## Tony Patel- Saluting Jamaica, 60 years strong

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In recognition of Jamaica's 60th anniversary of Independence, we are sharing the personal stories of our clients and friends on what this independence means to them.

" I was at the stadium when the union jack came down and the black, green and gold went up, as a Boys Scout from Wolmers' High School. Jamaica's Independence meant a lot to me. I still have my mug, glass, and a pin that was given to students across Jamaica."

In schools, we were being prepared for more than the celebrations. We were being sensitized to what it means to be free of the monarchy and to make our own decisions as an independent nation.

I am a very proud Jamaican. I wouldn't switch my Jamaican citizenship for anything else. It is the greatest little country on earth. The colours in the flag at the time when it was designed meant 'hardships there are but the land is green and the sun shineth'.

My wish is that Jamaicans stop the infighting and work collectively towards building a stronger nation. There is no limit to what we can achieve for the Jamaica land we love."

**- Tony Patel**

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