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The Cayman Islands Skateboard Association (CISA) is a non-profit created to manage the Black Pearl Skate Park and promote the sport of skateboarding, scootering and BMX riding in the Cayman Islands. CISA was officially contracted to manage the Black Pearl Skate Park in April 2013. The park was left unsupervised leaving it open for vandalism, drug use, bullying and other harmful activities.

Since assuming responsibility for the management of the park it has been restored for safe community use, hosting more than 4000+ skaters, bikers, and scooter riders, most of whom are local youth. Partnerships have been established with the Ministry of Education Extended After School Program which is managed by the YMCA, Big Brother Big Sister, Royal Cayman Islands Police Department Skate programme, Special Needs Foundation, Youth Anti-Crime Trust and Hope Academy for regular usage. The Black Pearl Skate park is the second largest skate park in the world and the largest in North America.

The Association has the following mission: *“to maintain a world class skate park in the Cayman Islands; to keep the park a healthy, safe environment, free of graffiti and litter while fostering self-confidence, good health, strength and pride with the youth of our islands.”*

While the Association and the park has had thousands of visitors for the past five years and hosted many local competitions, no member of our team has had any instructional training to ensure we can continue to keep our visitors safe and provide them with the foundation of the sport. The International Skateboard Certification Program provides this. With safety as our primary concern, the program builds introductory skills and reinforces this safety standard through all elements of the instruction.

As a participant in the training with my team, the training has improved our confidence which has led to us implementing our first grass roots programme in skateboarding and scootering. Our team has further displayed renewed confidence in their skills to mentor and lead the many youth who visit the park. Jay is a phenomenal instructor and person. His knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport is inspiring and contagious. He genuinely cares about the participants of the programme, the development and engagement of young people. He provided us with the foundation to ensure we succeeded. I would highly recommend this certification program to any skate park, city, municipality or country for any of their staff.

I am grateful Jay traveled to the Cayman Islands, sacrificed time on his family vacation to ensure we receive a quality training to further improve our community and its youth.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Myles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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