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Four Seasons worth the risk

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The workers' contributions entrusted to a national pension scheme are not just a giant savings account to be held securely for future payouts.

That money is an investment fund that must be aggressively managed to produce significant returns above the ongoing National Insurance Scheme (NIS) deductions from today's working people.

Individuals are naturally reluctant to take risks with their hard-earned savings. The collective savings of a nation are different: the NIS investment fund is large but its liabilities are larger. It must grow on its own to truly meet its needs.

In its first 30 years, Canada's national pension plan was treated like a savings account, taking no risks. It was okay as long as there were many more workers making contributions than pensioners taking payments.

However, by the 1990s, the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) was headed for total failure because it could not meet the needs of an aging population. There would be more pensioners than contributors!

Radical changes were made; aggressive investment strategies adopted;

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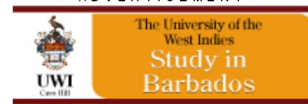
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and now the CPP is on track to be actuarially sound.

A national pension fund must take on carefully chosen risky investments if it is going to produce adequate returns.

A national pension plan can also contribute to the recovery and growth of the nation's economy – particularly its tourism.

The upscale image of Barbados depends very much on the success of the Four Seasons project.

The lesson from Canada is that there is much that is right about the National Insurance Scheme of Barbados coming to the rescue of a development that has already had a necessary injection of public money.

The potential high return justifies the risk, and the national interest will clearly be served if the Four Seasons project succeeds, and thus helps to restore confidence in the Barbados economy.

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There are sound benefits for investment of pension funds in order to manage the demand for benefit disbursement. However if investment is to be made, it should be done using more or less guaranteed return options, such as long term deposits and mutual funds. Testing/initiating this practice should not be done with a high risk project such as four seasons.

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