The Media Association Jamaica Limited (MAJ) is saddened by the passing of veteran journalist, environmentalist and media lecturer, John Maxwell.

Even though we in the media fraternity were aware of his extended period of illness, his death occasions a deep level of sadness among us.

John will be remembered for his fierce championing of a free but responsible press and for high standards in practising one's media craft.

His fearless advocacy for improved standards for journalists and his stout defense of the independence of the journalist have served the media profession well.

John's wealth of experience and the expansive breadth of his reading and knowledge made him one of the most aware media practitioners across generations.

His knowledge, experience, research and awareness made him an excellent lecturer, commentator, analyst and writer.

He and his work will be long remembered and respected.

The MAJ expresses condolences to his family and colleagues and wishes them comfort in this period of grief.