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Taiwan contributes US40k in sponsorship to Everything Expo+ 2023

Taiwan's Ambassador to SVG H.E. Fiona Huei-Chun Fan donated a cheque, valued at US\$40k, in sponsorship to Invest-SVG to help offset cost associated with hosting Vincy Expo+ 2023.

Ambassador Fan made the contribution after delivering remarks at an opening ceremony to mark the start of the 2023 Vincy Expo+ at the ET Joshua Tarmac in Arnos Vale earlier today, Thursday, October 26th.

Ambassador Fan said Taiwan has been sponsoring the Vincy Expo since 2019, and indicated that several beneficiaries from the Taiwan Funded Women Empowerment project are participating in the 2023 expo. The Ambassador also extended congratulations to the government and people of SVG on the occasion of this country's 44th independence anniversary.

Executive Director of Invest SVG Glen Beache in his welcoming remarks says the 2023 edition is a major improvement from past events, showcasing the best of what Vincentians have to offer, in addition to exhibitors from Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association.

Minister of Finance & Economic Planning, Hon. Camillo Gonsalves, is the minister responsible for Invest SVG. Minister Gonsalves said the ET Joshua Tarmac would be a one-time venue for hosting the Vincy Expo, as construction work would begin soon on the Acute Referral Hospital project.

The minister also highlighted the significance of the expo pointing to a wide array of high quality products produced locally by Vincentian entrepreneurs. He noted that several of the businesses participating in this year's event have benefited from various government funded programs designed to promote the growth of medium and small enterprises in SVG.

Gonsalves says the 2023 Vincy Expo+ is the largest staging of the event. Minister Gonsalves also called for an extension of the expo this year and in the future. He advised that the expo village should remain open, to welcome visitors from cruise ships making call in SVG, in early November. The annual Vincy Expo was first introduced as the 'Vincy Innovators Expo' in April 2013, at the Diamond Industrial Estate.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, in his remarks, cited the legacies of colonialism and underdevelopment as existential challenges for small and developing economies, such as St. Vincent and the Grenadines, before officially declaring the 2023 Vincy Expo+ open.

The Everything Vincy Expo-Plus runs from October 26th to 29th 2023 at the northern end of the E.T. Joshua Tarmac. The event showcases SVG's innovation, investment potential, and cultural richness.