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**EMBASSY OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES CONTINUES TO MAKE  
GREAT STRIDES IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)**

**SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, November 9, 2021** – After two years of operation (2019-2021), the Embassy was on Monday, November 1 2021, presented with the 75th Anniversary Golden Merchant Award for the Most Outstanding Foreign Embassy by the Republic of China (Taiwan) Chamber of Commerce (ROCCOC).

According to the ROCCOC, “...the main purpose of the prize is to encourage and praise...foreign embassies and missions that have long-standing firmly support[ed] Taiwan by strengthening economic and diplomatic measures”. H.E. Andrea Bowman, Ambassador to Taiwan in delivering remarks on behalf of the Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Foreign Embassies and Foreign Missions group of awardees stated that, “On the eve of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines’s Independence, MOFA’s Vice Minister, H.E. Alexander Yui, referred to the Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in Taiwan as having been the “missing link” among Taiwan’s diplomatic embassies which had finally opened on August 8, 2019. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has had 40 years of diplomatic relations with Taiwan...Therefore; this “missing link” the embassy has finally been established in order to strengthen the chain of embassies in this democratic country of free enterprise and social responsibility”.

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is indeed proud of this accomplishment by our Overseas Mission and congratulates Ambassador Bowman and her team at the Embassy for the efforts to promote Saint Vincent and the Grenadines presence in Taiwan while strengthening the bilateral linkage between both countries.

The Embassy again continues to make great strides in Taiwan by its participation in the International Trade Fair/ ITF 2021, which began with H.E. Ambassador Bowman’s attendance at the ITF Press Conference on November 3, 2021, ahead of the official opening of the ITF on November 5, 2021. At the press conference, Ambassador Bowman presented the media houses with a foretaste of the emphases of the Embassy’s display booth and field questions about the uniqueness of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines from other destinations.

During the ITF, which lasted from November 5 - 8, 2021, the Embassy of SVG in R.O.C. (Taiwan) displayed a vibrant home-made booth with a diverse range of tourism treasures under the theme: “The Caribbean you’re looking for”. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines’ award-winning diving facilities; our eco-tourism; our black and white sand beaches throughout our 32 islands and cays; our unique cultural festivals along with Vincentian chocolate, rum, skin products and condiments were all presented to thousands of Taiwanese and international visitors to our booth.

The Embassy proudly acknowledges the support of our Vincentian students currently studying in Taiwan: Alicia Cox for making our ‘national wear’ and assisting with operating the booth along with Oilseh Parris, Mia Miller and Cassica Hutchins.

This is the Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines second participation in the ITF and we look forward to our continuing impact in the Taiwanese and Asian market in 2022.

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telephone number 456 2060.



Embassy of SVG dynamic trio at the R.O.C. Chamber of Commerce (ROCCOC) Awards  
 L-R: Mr. Elroy Wilson, Minister Counsellor, H.E. Mrs. Andrea Bowman, Ambassador and Ms. Shebby-Ann Dennie, Counsellor



H.E. Andrea Bowman (6<sup>th</sup> from left) at official opening of the Taipei International Travel Fair





Day 1: ITF 2021: H.E. Andrea Bowman at the Press Conference with R.O.C. (Taiwan) media personnel



Day 1: ITF 2021: Press Conference





Day 1: ITF 2021: H.E. Mrs. Andrea Bowman, Ambassador, Ms. Shebby-Ann Dennie, Counsellor  
Mr. Elroy Wilson, Minister Counsellor.



Day 1: ITF 2021: Visit from Ambassador of Haiti to Taiwan, H.E. Roudy Stanley Penn





Day 1: ITF 2021: Visit from Ambassador of Belize to Taiwan, H.E. Dr. Candice Pitts (far right)



Day 2: ITF 2021





Day 2: ITF 2021: Vincentians Alcia Cox, Oilseh and Mia Miller assisted members at the Embassy's booth



Day 2: ITF 2021: Vincentian student, Ms. AlciaCox assisted visitors to the Embassy's booth





Day 2: ITF 2021: Vincentian student, Ms. Alicia Cox assisted visitors to the Embassy's booth



Day 3, ITF 2021: Vincentian student studying in Taiwan (left), Ms. Cassica Hutchins assisted visitors to the Embassy's booth





Day 4, Final Day: ITF 2021: Taiwanese students visit to the Embassy's booth