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HIGH COMMISSION FOR SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

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The High Commission for St. Vincent and the Grenadines Handing over Ceremony of Proceeds from T20 Cricket Charity Match

On 29 September, 2022 the High Commission for St. Vincent and the Grenadines held its handing over ceremony to donate its share of the proceeds from its joint T20 Charity Cricket game. The cricket match was held on 21 August, 2022 in High Wycombe by the High Commission for St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the High Commission for the Republic of Barbados.

Speaking at the ceremony, High Commissioner, His Excellency Cenio Lewis in his welcoming address thanked the nationals for their continued support; more so during the time of the eruptions of the La Soufriere Volcano in April 2021. He further highlighted the importance of the diaspora to national development which includes but not limited to the sending of remittances to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Minister Counsellor and Co-organiser of the T20 Cricket game event, Jinelle Adams in her brief remarks, elaborated on the importance of sports in addressing socio-economic issues at home and the role it plays in enhancing diaspora engagement.

Speaking on behalf of the cricket team, Randolph "Izzy" James, an officer serving in the British Armed Forces stated how pleased they were to have been asked to participate in event representing their country in such a worthy cause. He further lauded the organisers for a successful event stating that it was a great feeling to see so many Vincentians together in one place.

The proceeds of the cricket game were shared equally between both High Commissions. St. Vincent and the Grenadines donated to three charitable organisations namely Community Outreach Department Wycombe Community Seventh-day Adventist Church (£300), The National Council for St. Vincent and the Grenadines Associations UK (£750) and Voice of the Disabled in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (£1868).

The donation to "Voice of the Disabled" will be received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Honourable Keisal Peters for further handing over to the charity by Minister, the Honourable Saboto Caesar.

In closing, Minister Counsellor Adams expressed gratitude to everyone that supported the Charity Cricket game and solicited continued support and sponsorship for next year's event.

The High Commission looks forward to the T20 Cricket match 2023!

