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## The Governments of SVG and Taiwan sign two agricultural agreements

The relationship between the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) and the Republic of China (Taiwan) was further strengthened on Friday with the signing of two agricultural agreements.

The agreements are for two projects- the Improving of Livestock Rearing Project and Improving Vegetable Cultivation Management and Post-Harvest Handling Project, valued at approximately XCD 11.4 million

Minister of Agriculture Hon. Saboto Caesar signed on behalf of the Government of SVG and Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Her Excellency Fiona Huei-Chun Fan signed on behalf of her country.

Ambassador Fan noted that since assuming duties in SVG, she has met with Minister Caesar to discuss the strengthening of agricultural cooperation and these projects will improve lives and livelihood .

The Taiwanese Ambassador said through collaboration and knowledge, livestock practices can be improved, contributing to economic growth and ensuring a stable meat supply for Vincentians.

Minister of Agriculture Hon. Saboto Caesar thanked the Government of Taiwan for its assistance on the projects.

Minister Ceasar noted that agricultural diversification has been a pillar of his ministry over the years; Caesar said some of the funds provided through the project will do work at the palletization centers at Langley Park, Lauders, La Croix and Belmont on the leeward side where farmers will be able to take their produce for purchasing.

He also noted that there is a demand from OECS countries for livestock from SVG and that is an encouragement for livestock farmers and encouraged livestock farmers to form more associations and assured them that the ministry will continue to provide support to them.

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