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## ON-SITE PROGRAMME - ORIENTATION FOR COHORT 3

Over 100 individuals between the ages of 18 to 34 with various educational backgrounds, will be employed for 6 months within the private sector as part of the Offering National Support for Internship Training and Employment (ON-SITE) Programme.

An orientation session for the new cohort was held earlier today December 9, at the UWI Global Campus. The session saw participants receiving professional insight on a range of topics including Occupational Health and Safety and Customer Service in the workplace.

Speaking at the orientation, Ambassador of the Republic of China on Taiwan, H. E. Fiona Huei-Chun Fan said that the initiative represents "the enduring relationship between Taiwan and St. Vincent and the Grenadines" and that employment rates from the past cohorts "speaks to the power of the ON-SITE programme to bridge the gap between education and employment".

Ambassador Fan praised the Minister of Finance, Hon. Camillo Gonsalves for his steadfast support and visionary leadership, which have been instrumental in shaping he programme.

"We expect you to enhance the business that you are working with and we expect you to gain experience that will be valuable to you" Minister Gonsalves told the interns.

He further stressed on the level of expectations, noting that they will be held to a higher standard than other employment programmes and urged them to embrace this job opportunity as an investment in themselves.