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Prime Minister Gonsalves speaks to Vincentian Nationals in High Wycombe

High Wycombe, UNITED KINGDOM: The Rt. Hon. Dr Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) addressed Vincentian Nationals, friends and other interested parties on developments in SVG, at Buckinghamshire New University in High Wycombe, followed by a question and answer session.

The ceremony was attended by dignitaries, nationals and the respective Chairs of the various SVG National Associations. The main speakers included: Prime Minister Gonsalves, H.E. Mr Cenio Lewis, High Commissioner for SVG in London, Ms Jacqueline Roberts, Chair of the National SVG Committee, Mr David Gay, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Buckinghamshire New University with prayers offered by Dr Charles Cropper.

Prime Minister Gonsalves explained to the packed audience in the Owen Harris Building the government's commitment in building a modern, post-colonial economy on a national, regional and international level. Significant advancements have been made in public health, the education and wellness revolution, promotion of the youth needed to fill today's technical requirements, scholarships, Canouan and Argyll Airports, Constitutional reform, improvement and creation of further access roads, agricultural diversification, airline transport, as well as, numerous other tourism and investment projects that will provide employment.

Today is about celebrating the impact Vincentians make on enriching society, not only at home but on a world stage. The Diaspora plays a huge role in the development of the SVG economy and should be proud to participate and assist us in our efforts. The Government of SVG will always be seeking to forge new partnerships and improving relations with other countries in implementing our foreign policy.

The celebrations included steel-pan from the Wycombe Steel Orchestra youth, banquet of food with the Prime Minister entertaining questions from the audience. These questions focused on SVG's challenges and key areas, including climate change, technology, sustainability, education, development, and international governance and co-operation, through networking.



Left to Right: H.E. Mr Cenio Lewis, High Commissioner for St Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) in London, Dr Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of SVG, Mrs Jacqueline Roberts, Chair of the National SVG Committee

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