

## **SVG Welcomes New Netherlands Ambassador**

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**Kingstown, ST. VINCENT:** St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) has welcomed the newly appointed Ambassador H.E. Lucita Moeniralam from the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

At a reception, Governor General, H.E Sir Frederick Ballantyne, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. the Hon. Senator Douglas Slater, Members of the Diplomatic Corp and other guests officially welcomed Her Excellency Ambassador Lucita Moeniralam to SVG.

In welcoming the Ambassador, Dr. Slater pointed out that Government's foreign policy seeks to strengthen relations with traditional partners while establishing relations with non-traditional ones. The Foreign Affairs Minister also pointed out that during the oil boom of the 1930's and 1940's a number of Vincentians went to Netherlands territories of Curacao and Aruba to work: as a result, the Minister said that a number of Vincentians have relatives in these countries to this day. Dr. Slater hopes that this partnership can revitalize these connections between the peoples of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Netherlands.

H.E Ambassador Moeniralam said she is happy to serve SVG. She said that education is high on her agenda. Already, she has visited the SVG Community College and has pledged to assist with the Art Programme at that Institution. Ambassador Moeniralam will also serve as Ambassador to Trinidad & Tobago as well as the rest of the Eastern Caribbean.

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