



Layou Petroglyphs Tourism Site

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The Ministry of Tourism has commissioned another of its tourism products — The Layou Petroglyph Park, which was officially handed over today. It is the 10th of 14 sites to be opened under the Tourism Development Project (TDP), jointly sponsored by the European Union and Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Parliamentary Representative and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade, Sir Louis Straker, advised the public to protect the site as part of our national heritage, noting it must be preserved so that its history will not be lost. He stated that he is happy that greater legislative efforts were being directed at the "protection and preservation of our heritage".

The Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade noted that the facility could bring economic benefits to the community and expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Tourism and urged all Vincentians to work together to preserve the site to make it one of the best in St. Vincent.

Meanwhile, The Hon. Minister of Tourism Glen Beache said their aim is to promote these sites so that persons can use the information as an education tool. He said sites like these are important for education and local tourism, but noted that Government could not maintain all of them on its own without charging an admission fee. Minister Beache promised that the Ministry of Tourism would continue to market St. Vincent and the Grenadines to develop its tourism product.

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