

Irish President Hosts Fairtrade Delegation with SVG Representation

28 February 2012

Dublin, IRELAND: Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland and Chair of Fairtrade Belfast, Dr Christopher Stange was part of a select Fairtrade delegation invited to the Áras an Uachtaráin (official residence of the President of Ireland), hosted by the newly elected President of Ireland – Michael D. Higgins.

The event was part of Fairtrade Fortnight 2012 and facilitated by Fairtrade Ireland.



R-L: President of Ireland – Michael D. Higgins and Dr Christopher Stange - Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland & Chair of Fairtrade Belfast presenting signed book from Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Dr the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves: “Diary of a Prime Minister: Ten Days Amongst Benedictine Monks”

Dr Stange conveyed best wishes from Governor General - H.E. Sir Frederick Ballantyne, Prime Minister – Dr. the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, Foreign Minister - Dr. the Hon. Douglas Slater, High Commissioner in London – H.E. Cenio Lewis, President of Guyana - Donald Ramotar whom holds the CARICOM portfolio for Agriculture, Agricultural Diversification and Food Security, (including bananas), and the Windward Islands National Farming Association (WINFA) registered banana farmers.

Discussion was held on the importance of Fairtrade, agricultural diversification, Argyle International Airport, economic and social development, with the necessity for developing Caribbean countries to be able to compete and access markets for their own future and sustainability.

Dr Stange presented the Irish President with a signed copy of Prime Minister’s Gonsalves’ authored book: “Diary of a Prime Minister: Ten Days Amongst Benedictine Monks” and the need for continued development and strengthening of relations with the Caribbean.

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