

SVG High Commissioner Visits Elderly Vincentians

December 22, 2008

HIGH WYCOMBE, England: St Vincent and the Grenadines High Commissioner - H.E. Mr Cenio E. Lewis visited the Hairoun Elderly Day Care Centre in High Wycombe, as part of the Mission's policy to visit nationals of St Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) who have reached retirement age and are unable to travel out of the area in which they live.

In his address to the elderly Vincentians he conveyed the best wishes from the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade and the government. He thanked them for their individual contributions and continued difference they make to their homeland.

He explained that the government recognised the part they have played in the development of the country and that is why the Prime Minister is keen to strengthen the bonds between Nationals at home and abroad.

The High Commissioner referred to the various developments now taking place in SVG. The mention of the airport development caused much excitement and drew the comment from one elderly Vincentian: "When the airport is complete we will be able to go home without any hassle."

At the end of the address the High Commissioner had lunch with the elderly Vincentians who expressed their appreciation of the visit and hoped the High Commissioner would come to see them again. The High Commissioner promised to do so and wished them a happy Christmas and good health in the New Year.



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Lewis, High Commissioner -
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