

Prime Minister Gonsalves Addresses Vincentians in Reading

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Reading, UNITED KINGDOM: Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) addressed the Vincentian Diaspora on developments in SVG, at The Avenue School in Reading, followed by a question and answer session on SVG's challenges and key areas of development. This meeting follows his official visits to Brussels and Rome earlier in the week.

Avenue School in Reading caters for children with special needs and is twinned with its counterpart – Sunshine School in Bequia.

The event was organised by the High Commission for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in London and the SVG Reading Association.

The meeting was attended by Mrs Eloise Gonsalves, Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for SVG to Northern Ireland, Nationals and the respective Chairs of the various SVG UK National Associations. The main speakers included: Prime Minister Gonsalves, H.E. Cenio Lewis – High Commissioner for SVG in London, Dame Sue Browne - Head Teacher of The Avenue School, Dudrey Browne – SVG Association Reading and Cllr. Sarah Hacker – Mayor of Reading with prayers offered by Dr Cropper.



Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves - Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Section of Audience in Reading

Prime Minister Gonsalves explained to the packed audience the Government's commitment in building a modern, multi-sided, post-colonial economy on a national, regional and international level defined by the Government's National Economic and Social Development Plan 2013-2025. He encouraged everyone to read the document and is available on the SVG Government's homepage.

Gonsalves added: "Underlying this Development Plan is a vision, philosophy, a strategic economic outlook, a good governance framework, and a quest to ennoble, further, in material and non-material respects, the Vincentian component of our Caribbean civilisation."

Significant advancements have been made across all sectors, including the passing of new policies, public health, housing, education and wellness revolution, fuel and water storage facilities, promotion of youth to fill the country's technical requirements, scholarships, roads and bridges, agricultural diversification, sustainable energy, as well as, updates on Argyle International Airport as it nears completion, that will not only improve infrastructure and accessibility but provide immense employment and ancillary benefits.

The Prime Minister highlighted the huge role Vincentians play, not only at home but globally in the social and economic development of the SVG economy, remittances and assisting the Government as a team in its efforts in creating a better society for all Vincentians.

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