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PRESS RELEASE

Closing Ceremony for Phase two of Closed-Circuit Television and Handing Over of Bucket Truck

August 11, 2025 - Kingstown: The Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) is pleased to announce the successful closing phase of the Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) and handing over ceremony a Bucket Truck that took place on August 8, 2025, at the Questelles Police Station at 10am.

The ceremony which was chaired by Desiree Armstrong, Assistant Director of Information Technology Services Division (ITSD), had in attendance Her Excellency Fiona Huei-Chun, ambassador of Taiwan, Attorney General Grenville Williams who represented Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance and Commissioner of Police, Mr. Envill Williams along with gazette officers.

The closing ceremony featured remarks from the distinguished guests, firstly Mr. Envill Williams. In his address, Mr. Williams highlighted the fact that we are getting stronger every day in enhancing public safety through technology. The commissioner recognized Taiwan and the significant contribution they played in achieving a task that will benefit generations to come, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. He also thanked the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Information Technology Services Division for the role they played. He also commended the members of the police force for their ability and open mind to adopt to the changes that these cameras mean. He pointed out that police officers and Information Technology Services Department workers received

training and are well equipped to maintain and supervise the devices. He mentioned that the CCTV devices were placed in areas, not to invade persons privacy but to ensure their safety, pointing out that they might deter intended criminals from doing the act. He asked that we all play a role in protecting the devices and report incidents if one is seen tampering with the devices.

Her Excellency Fiona Huei-Chun Fan Ambassador of Taiwan, complemented the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Information Technology Services Unit for the unwavering support and collaboration. She highlighted the fact that there are presently close to three hundred out door cameras across the country and two Grenadines Islan being, Bequia and Union Island. She stated that during the installation of the cameras she observed the risk the workers took, climbing lauders, working in the heat and that brought on the idea that a bucket Truck was needed to ensure the safety of the workers also. She stated that the goal is to create a safer, smarter and stronger St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Attorney General (Ag) Mr. Grenville Williams addressed the challenges faced when submitted evidence via videos that might have been taken using a cell phone and the issue face with whether they were edited or not. He also highlighted that with a population of one hundred and ten thousand, police officers cannot be everywhere and the cameras will be a reliable substitute. He also stated that the use of these camaras could see a decrease in crimes and can assist the Tourism Department if the country is known to be a safe one. He commended the Commissioner of Police and all in involved in taking this step forward, mentioning the introduction of Body Camaras, which he highlighted will help to show the beginning of the incidents when they occurred and not just a part of it.

The ceremony also included the Handing Over of the Bucket Truck which was done by the Ambassador on Taiwan, Her Excellency Fiona Huei-Chun, to the commissioner of Police, Mr. Envill Williams. Camaras are in and around Kingstown, Villa, Mesopotamia, Bequia and Union Island, just to name a few.

Simone Joseph-Ollivierre, Assistant Director at Information Technology Services Division reassured the public that officers and ITSD employees were trained to successfully use the equipment. Stock Holders from Flow, Digicel, Kentucky Fry Chicken, BRAGSA, and National Emergency Management Unit were also commended for the imperative role they played in making phase two a successful one.

The RSVGPF is dedicated to enhancing the devices and using them to achieve the best results. We will like to remind everyone that it is our responsibility to keep our country safe.

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