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**H.E. ANDREA BOWMAN, NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO JAPAN MEETS WITH JAPAN'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MINISTERS EN ROUTE TO PRESENTING LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO THE
EMPEROR OF JAPAN**

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, September 20, 2022 – En route to presenting her Credentials to the Emperor of Japan as Saint Vincent and the Grenadines's Non-Resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan, H.E. Andrea Bowman, Ambassador of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the Republic of China(Taiwan), had the opportunity to meet with Japan's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. MORI Takeo on Tuesday, 30th August 2022, and Japan's State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. TAKEI Shunsuke on Thursday, 1st September 2022.

At Tuesday's meeting with the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bowman, accompanied by Minister Counsellor Elroy Wilson of the Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the R.O.C.(Taiwan), presented the Vice-Minister with a framed banana- art depiction of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines by Vincentian artist, Nzimbu. Thursday's meeting with the State Minister dealt with a range of issues concerning Saint Vincent and the Grenadines's bi-lateral relations with Japan, particularly with regard to international institutions and the balance of power within the Asia / Pacific region.

At 10:30 am on Saturday 2nd September, 2022, Ambassador Bowman presented her Credentials to His Majesty Emperor Hironomiya Naruhito of Japan at The Imperial Palace. Minister Counsellor Wilson was Ambassador Bowman's suite at this hallowed ceremony, which was attended by Ministers of the government of Japan and Officials of the Imperial Household.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines officially established diplomatic relations with Japan on the 15th April, 1980.

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Ambassador Bowman & Japan's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. MORI Takeo



Ambassador Bowman & Japan's State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. TAKEI Shunsuke



Ambassador Andrea Bowman



Ambassador Andrea Bowman & Minister Counsellor Elroy Wilson