



Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines *in the Republic of China (Taiwan)*

Remarks by H.E. Kenton X. Chance on the occasion of the presentation of his Letter of Credence to the President of the Republic of China (Taiwan), H.E. Lai Ching-te, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the Republic of China (Taiwan) on 28th May 2026

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Mr. President,

His Majesty Charles the Third, King of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, conveys his sincere wishes for your happiness and assures you of his unwavering respect and high esteem.

I also bring you greetings from our Governor General, King's Counsel Sir Stanley John; our Honourable Prime Minister, Dr. Godwin Friday, and our Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble, as well as the rest of the Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Mr. President,

When I arrived in your distinguished country on March 2, 2026, as the Ambassador-designate of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the Republic of China (Taiwan), it was six months shy of 20 years after I arrived in 2006, as a recipient of a scholarship from your Ministry of Foreign Affairs to study Mandarin Chinese for one year and to pursue a four-year undergraduate degree. I left Taiwan six years later, in 2012, with an undergraduate degree in Journalism and Mass Communication and a Master of Arts in International Affairs.

In the 13 years after I left your distinguished country as a university graduate, I pursued a career in journalism and mass communication that has seen me reporting for some of the major news outlets across the world. My work as a journalist resulted in your Ministry of Education recognising me, in 2022, as a Distinguished Taiwan Alumnus.

As a result of my career in journalism and mass communication, I have had the pleasure of travelling to several countries and territories globally. And whether I found myself in Abu Dhabi, Accra or Algiers; Lima or London; Panama City, Paramaribo, Paris or Port Moresby; Riyadh or Roseau; Santiago or Seoul; Warsaw or Washington; Kingston or Kingstown, Tel Aviv, Tokyo or Taipei, the education I received in Taiwan served me well. **(STOP!)**

Mr. President,

On March 18 this year, we shook hands in this historic building as our Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, was leading a delegation on an official visit to your beautiful country. That day, I turned 45 years old. In August, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Republic of China (Taiwan) will celebrate 45 years of diplomatic relations. I mentioned the foregoing to highlight my deep understanding of the nature of the relationship that exists between our two nations. I am a product of that relationship and I am as old as it has existed. Therefore, I consider it a special honour to be representing Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in Taiwan at this time. **(STOP!)**

Mr. President,

Our first ambassador to your country, Her Excellency Andrea Bowman, taught me in high school. She laid a solid foundation during her tour of duty. I intend to build on that foundation, erecting pillars in support of a broader, expanded relationship.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines values its relationship with the Republic of China (Taiwan); our government stands ready to deepen and expand that relationship for the continued benefit of both our peoples and our countries.

Finally, Mr. President, my wife, Symantha, and I deeply appreciate all the courtesies extended to us since we arrived in Taiwan and are confident of your continued support. Thank you! 謝謝！