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**THE GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES CONGRATULATES
THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)**

The government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines congratulate most heartily Their Excellencies William Lai Ching-te as President-Elect and Hsiao Bi-khim as Vice-President-Elect of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their magnificent triumph in the elections held today, January 13, 2024. Their political party, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) was impressive in these elections; we salute all its leaders, members, and supporters.

We note the highly-competitive nature of these elections, and deeply appreciate the important roles of the other Presidential candidates, Mr. Hou Yu-in of the Kuomintang (KMT) and Mr. Ko Wen-je of the Taiwan People's Party (TPP), and their respective teams in maintaining Taiwan as a land of democracy and liberty.

Above all, the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) are to be highly commended for their exemplary peaceful, and thoroughly democratic elections which constitute a model for some neighbouring countries in Asia.

The government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines look forward to a further strengthening of our excellent relations with the government and people of the Republic of China (Taiwan). President-Elect Lai Ching-te is known to us.

The Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves has already transmitted his congratulations, orally, to the President-Elect and his team. Our Prime Minister has signalled his intention to attend the formal swearing-in ceremony of President-Elect Lai Ching-te in May 2024 in Taiwan.

Dated the 13th day of January, 2024.

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