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PRESS RELEASE

SAINT LUCIA CELEBRATES NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN



Washington D.C. - Saint Lucia celebrated Taiwan's National Day on October 6th at the famed Twin Oaks Estate. Saint Lucia was a featured guest, the only country invited to "co-host" the event, with its booth featuring culinary offerings from Chef Kian Jamie John. Steel pan artist Ricardo Jerome performed throughout the event.

Saint Lucia's relationship with Taiwan is a deep one stated Ambassador Edmunds in an interview with the media present. He referenced initiatives in education and the youth that Taiwan was leading, and recent comments made by the Honorable Phillip J. Pierre, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, at the United Nations in support of that country's engagement in international organizations. He also noted that Saint Lucia was part of the friends of Taiwan Caucus in Washington, DC. Taiwan's representative in Washington, DC, Representative Bi-khim Hsiao was presented with a token of appreciation from the Government of Saint Lucia.

The Saint Lucia Hotel and Tourism Authority (SLTA) partnered with the Embassy in coordinating Saint Lucia's participation. Mr. Richard Moss represented the SLTA at the event. "We are especially grateful for this partnership between the SLTA and the Embassy", commented Ambassador Edmunds, who noted that the relationship has allowed Saint Lucia to feature its unique culinary offerings to diplomats and others in Washington DC since 2017.

A video on the event can be found <u>here</u> as well <u>additional photographs</u> of the event.