



TASHEKA HAYNES (standing) during the election process.

New Alumni President: It's an honour to give back to Taiwan

THE St Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) Taiwan ICDF Alumni Society has a new president.

Through a unanimous decision made on Wednesday January 18, Tasheka Haynes was elected as new president of the organization.

Haynes' election came as part of the Society's annual meeting held at the Knowledge Institute and Conference Centre, Kingstown, during which a new executive body was elected.

During the luncheon meeting, Haynes and the rest of the new executive were selected from a room of an estimated thirty members of the SVG

Taiwan ICDF Alumni Society.

The other members of the new executive include Cuthbert Knights (Vice President), Collin Bonadie (Treasurer), Jacquie English (Secretary) and Rochelle Baptiste (Public Relations Officer).

Surprised to be elected as the new head of the organization, Haynes told **SEARCHLIGHT** "It's an honour to give back to Taiwan."

She explained that she obtained Masters degree in Agricultural Economics at the National Taiwan University.

The 2010 graduate, who is currently attached to the Ministry of Health

explained her plans for the organization.

"For one I'd like to see more activities taking place. The previous committee didn't really do that, but we hope to pick up from where they left off..." she said.

Some of the activities outlined by the new presi-

dent include career building programs, motivational speeches, workshops and cultural exchange.

Wednesday's luncheon was held under the auspices of Taiwan's Ambassador to St Vincent and the Grenadines, His Excellency Weber Shih. (AA)

SVG-Taiwan ICDF Alumni elects new executive

SVG TAIWAN ICDF ALUMNI SOCIETY held its 2012 Annual General Meeting on January 18, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at the Knowledge Institute and Conference Centre, Kingstown. More than 40 Alumni attended the meeting.

Ms. Tasheka Haynes is the new President of the SVG-Taiwan ICDF Alumni Society. She replaces Mr. Rohan McDonald.

Ms. Haynes, holds a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from the National Taiwan University.

Other officers elected were: Mr. Cuthbert Knights - Vice President; Ms. Jacqueline English - Secretary; Mr. Colin Bonadie - Treasurer; and Ms. Rochell Baptiste - Public Relations.

More than 40 alumni attended the meeting which was addressed by the Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Weber Shih.

Ambassador Shih recalled that the Society was established on April 20, 1999 and currently boasts a registration of more than 140 Vincentians, who have benefited from Taiwan ICDF training and education programmes.

He expressed satisfaction with the fact that for the last 20 years, members of the Society have contributed tremendously to the development of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, by applying what they learned in Taiwan.

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Alumni are employed in Government, as Ambassador Shih noted in his address, he was particularly elated that some alumni are now in charge of cooperative projects between the two countries, such as the Tissue Cultural Lab and Agro-processing Lab. He was happy about the remarkable achievements under the Alumni's management since the projects were transferred to local hands last March.

Ambassador Shih encouraged the Alumni to continue to make full use of the knowledge accumulated from Taiwan, to improve their performances on their jobs.

Two beneficiaries of Taiwan's advance education opportunities, Mr. Cuthbert Knights, Administrator of the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital and Mr. Kemston Cato, Agricultural Officer also addressed the Meeting, dealing with issues related to their respective areas of expertise.



Members of the SVG-Taiwan ICDF Alumni pose with Ambassador Weber Shih (4th from left front) and other Taiwanese diplomatic staff, at the Society's Annual General Meeting.



Taiwan Ambassador Weber Shih, other officials and members of the TaiwanICDF Alumni Society

Haynes leads SVG TaiwanICDF Alumni Society

The SVG TaiwanICDF Alumni Society has elected a new President to serve the grouping at its 2012 Annual Meeting held at the Knowledge Institute and Conference Center on January 18th, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. A release from the group says more than 40 Alumni attended the meeting at which Tasheka Haynes was elected the President of the Society.

During the meeting its members shared their experience of applying at work what they learnt from TaiwanICDF workshops, seminars and scholarship programmes.

In his remarks, the Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Weber Shih said that the Alumni Society, established on April 20, 1999, is composed of more than 140 Vincentians who have participated in TaiwanICDF training and education programmes. He pointed out that over the past 20 years, members of the Society have contributed tremendously to the development of St Vincent and the Grenadines by applying at work what they learnt from ICDF workshops, seminars and scholarship programmes. He went on to say that most of the Alumni work for the government and some are in charge of the cooperative projects between the two countries,

such as the Tissue Cultural Lab and Agro-processing Lab. He was happy about the remarkable achievements under the Alumni's management since the projects were transferred to local hands last March. He encouraged the Alumni to continue to make full use of the knowledge accumulated from Taiwan to improve their job.

The outgoing president of the Society, Rohan McDonald and the president-elect Tasheka Haynes both expressed deep appreciation to the Taiwan Government for providing Vincentians with scholarships and training programmes. During the meeting, Cuthbert Knights, Administrator of Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, and agricultural officer Kemston Cato, shared with the audience their experience of how to put into practice the knowledge of hospital management and agro-processing learned in Taiwan.

The President-elect Tasheka Haynes holds a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from the National Taiwan University. Other members of the committee-elect are Vice President Cuthbert Knights, Treasurer Collin Bonadie, Public Relations Rochell Baptiste and Secretary Jacqueline English.