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News Release

MINISTRY DISBURSES FUNDS TO STUDENTS

February 20th, 2008:

Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade, Sir Louis Straker, this morning (Wednesday) presented a total of thirty thousand (EC\$30,000.00) dollars to over sixty (60) needy students drawn from the constituencies throughout the State.

The funds were made available through the efforts of His Excellency Cenio Lewis who solicited donations from Vincentians residing in the U.K. and voluntary organisations.

The students were chosen based on their needs and following collaboration between Government representatives and the schools in the various constituencies.

In addressing this morning's presentation ceremony, Minister Straker lauded the accomplishments of High Commissioner Lewis in securing the donations, and implored the students to demonstrate through their performance at school that they are worthy recipients of the scholarships.

Education Minister, Hon. Girtyn Miguel, also addressed this morning's ceremony.

The programme, now in its 3rd year, is in keeping with the Government's policy to provide opportunities for the Vincentian Diaspora to make more meaningful contributions to their homeland and to move forward with the 'education revolution'.



Student recipients of awards drawn from the constituencies throughout the state.



The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves and The Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade, Sir Louis Straker presenting awards.