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**SCHOOLS GET MUCH NEEDED COMPUTERS BEFORE FIRSTCARIBBEAN CLOSURE**

**Kingstown, St Vincent & Grenadines, April 20** - Several schools recently received much-needed computers for their students which would assist in research, learning and online access.

This was a final farewell gesture from CIBC FirstCaribbean, as the bank closed operations in the St Vincent and Grenadines market on March 24, 2024.

“As you are aware, the bank has significantly and consistently participated in the development of our customers, our community, and the country as part of our social corporate responsibility over the years,” said Country Head Shelly Ann Samuel.

“It has always been our objective to add strength and growth through our corporate contributions by supporting organizations like this and others during our time here whether it is through health, community assistance, sport or culture. It has always been our privilege and a pleasure to do so.”

Receiving the computers from the bank were Minister Carlos James, Minister of Tourism and Minister Saboto Caesar, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry & Labour who both received computers on behalf of schools in their respective constituencies. Additionally, students from the Thomas Saunders Secondary School also received computers.

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Minister Carlos James, Minister of Tourism accepting the computers for schools in his constituency while Jacintha Hinds of CIBC FirstCaribbean and a representative of one of the schools look on.



IT teacher at Thomas Saunders Secondary School, Jason Alexis and Jacintha Hinds (Human Resources, CIBC FirstCaribbean Barbados Ltd)

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