



## Taiwan Government Donates to the Belize Customs



The Customs & Excise Department was graced with a visit by Taiwan's Ambassador to Belize, His Excellence David Kuan-Chou Chien. The visit by the Ambassador Chien symbolizes the strengthening of a great friendship between the Governments' of Taiwan and Belize. Today was one of many others where the Government of Taiwan demonstrated strong support towards Belize battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ambassador Chien presented over 5,000 face masks and 48 sanitizers which were received by Mrs. Estella Bailey-Leslie, Comptroller of the Customs and Excise Department. Also present was, Deputy Comptrollers Dr. Gilbert Gordon and Mr. Lawrence Thompson, Assistant Comptroller Mr. Doyle Flowers, Senior Customs Officer Mrs. Tennille Perera, Administrative Officer Ms. Sandra Wade, and Customs Examiner Mr. Omar Alpuche.

The donation of personal protective equipment and hygienic supplies were made possible through the Simply Help Foundation, a Taiwanese charity non-governmental organization that is based in the United States of America. These valuable contributions will aid in providing a continuous safe working environment for custom officers across Belize. Especially, officers interacting on a daily basis with passengers at the borders and Philip Goldson International Airport.

On behalf of the Customs & Excise Department, Comptroller Mrs. Leslie expresses a sincere thank you to the Government of Taiwan for its generous and appreciated contributions.

