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Greetings from the Prime Minister

*I am delighted to extend my warmest personal greetings to all those attending the 5<sup>th</sup> annual South Asian Canada Day. This is a wonderful celebration in advance of the 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our great country.*

*Generations of Canadians have shaped this vast land into the best country in the world to live, work and raise a family. We owe Canada's continued prosperity to the industry and ingenuity of our citizens. This Canada Day, we celebrate the very best of Canadian achievement.*

*Our South Asian community, numbering over one million strong, is representative of this success. Canadians of South Asian descent have played a key role in the economic and social development of our great country, achieving excellence in every field of endeavour. Your efforts are helping to build a strong, united and prosperous Canada.*

*Our Government is proud support this vibrant community event. I commend the event organizers for bringing a distinctly South Asian flavour to our nationwide celebrations. On behalf of the Government of Canada, and my family, I extend my best wishes to all for a very Happy Canada Day!*

*Sincerely,*

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada*