



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

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*Greetings from the Prime Minister*

*I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the Annual Multicultural Entertainment and Gala Dinner hosted by Heritage Beyond Borders in association with Market Dimensions.*

*As fellow Canadians, we are blessed to live in a peaceful and democratic society that welcomes people from around the world. Our pluralistic nation is a resilient weave of diverse cultures and traditions, which we proudly preserve and showcase. The fabric of Canadian life is enriched by the contributions of our large and dynamic South Asian community, numbering well over a million strong.*

*Tonight's festivities coincide with both India and Pakistan's Independence Days. I am certain that this event will build bridges between these two culturally rich South Asian communities.*

*On behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to commend the organizers of this celebration of Canada's proud cultural diversity. Please accept my best wishes for a joyous event.*

*Sincerely,*

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