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Greetings from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all those participating in the 18th Annual Korean Dano Spring Festival. On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, I would like to thank you for your steadfast commitment to a diverse and prosperous Canada.

Celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the lunar Korean calendar, Dano is a UNESCO-recognized holiday tracing its origins far into Korean history. Today, through this festival, thanks to the efforts of the Korea Town Business Improvement Area, Torontonians can get a taste of Korean culture and discover its famous culinary delights – certainly one of the great joys of living in a multicultural society.

Canada is a beacon of pluralism – an open society that brings together the many cultures of the world. I am proud to live in a country that embraces diversity and champions the values of democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law. As Prime Minister Stephen Harper stated: “Pluralism allows individuals to retain their cultural, linguistic and religious heritage within a framework of shared citizenship.”

As Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, I would like to thank the organizers and the Korean Canadian community for offering all of us the opportunity to learn more about the culture and traditions of Korea through this wonderful celebration. I invite all Canadians to partake in this great annual event.

Best wishes for a most successful festival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Kenney".

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

