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Falun Dafa (Falun Gong) – Based on the Principle of
“Truthfulness-Benevolence-Forbearance”

Request: Proclamation/Greeting Letter for Annual Falun Dafa Day on May 13

Dear Mayor Rob Vagramov,

I am writing to respectfully request a proclamation/greeting message for our annual celebration of Falun Dafa Day on May 13, 2020. On this day, Falun Dafa and its principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance are honoured around the world. In this difficult time that we are facing, these values have special significance.

As Canadians, we have suffered because of the Chinese Communist Party's cover-up of the Wuhan Coronavirus, which led to a global pandemic. Due to the circumstances, the Falun Dafa community will celebrate Falun Dafa Day differently this year. Though we are apart and practicing social distancing, we stand in solidarity with all Canadians and send everyone our best wishes. Practicing Falun Dafa not only helps people reduce stress and achieve inner peace, but also brings hope and inspiration to the world.

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a traditional meditation and self-improvement system of mind, body, and spirit guided by the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance. Tens of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries benefit from practicing Falun Gong, with its free teachings and meditative exercises helping people improve their spiritual, mental, moral, and physical wellbeing.

Over the years, Falun Dafa has received worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments and officials for its cross-cultural promotion of universal principles and contribution to a more healthy, peaceful, harmonious, tolerant, and compassionate society. Falun Dafa has also gained respect and support for its continued peaceful efforts to uphold human rights as it has been facing a brutal 20-year persecution by the Chinese Communist Party since 1999.

Here in Canada, we are privileged to be able to enjoy values of openness, diversity, and freedom of belief. We celebrate Falun Dafa day as proud Canadians who are grateful to exercise our rights and freedoms.

It is in this spirit that we pay tribute to Falun Dafa Day / Month on May 13 and we would be honoured to receive a proclamation/greeting message from you on this special occasion.

We would truly appreciate it if you could please send your proclamation/greeting message to falundafacanada513@gmail.com. Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.
Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. A short video of 'An Introduction to Falun gong' (6:35 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ-A6xY47jc>

2. Past year celebrations on parliament hill

[MPs Applaud Falun Gong and Adherents' Peaceful Advocacy Amid Adversity, May 2017](#)

[15 MPs and senators attended the celebration on the parliament hill on May 6, 2015](#)

[Canadian Leaders Join World Falun Dafa Day Celebration](#)

3. Examples of greetings, proclamations and speeches for Falun Dafa Day (excerpt):

Through the promotion of the principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance, millions of people around the world have benefitted from the teachings of Falun Dafa. I know this practice has a strong following in Canada's peaceful, pluralistic society. —**Hon. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, Greetings for Falun Dafa Celebration 2018**

The messages that you deliver of peacefulness, compassion, respect, are the messages that all of us in Canada need to think about every single day. — **Hon. Judy Sgro, co-chair of Parliamentary Friends of Falun, speech at 2018 Falun Dafa Day celebration on Parliament Hill**

It is my distinguished honor to congratulate Falun Gong practitioners in Canada for your perseverance to share the principles of truthfulness, goodwill and tolerance over the years — **Hon. Peter Kent, co-chair of Parliamentary Friends of Falun Gong, speech at 2018 Falun Dafa Day celebration on Parliament Hill**

I have great respect for the principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance, which guide the Falun Dafa movement. — **Elizabeth May, Leader of Green Party, speech at 2018 Falun Dafa celebration on Parliament Hill**

Since its introduction to the public 24 years ago, Falun Dafa practitioners and supporters have followed the principles of harmony, tolerance, truthfulness and compassion. Your bravery and courage have proven insurmountable and, in the face of adversity, you have not wavered from your beliefs or from the promotion of human rights. — **MP Peter Julian, Burnaby-New Westminster, B.C. greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2018**

Falun Dafa's values of truthfulness, harmony, compassion, and tolerance in society are shared by the entire Conservative Caucus and myself. — **MP Candice Bergen, House Leader of the Official Opposition, . greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2018**

I celebrate with you the milestone of anniversary, and celebrate the values of Truthfulness,

Compassion, Tolerance, which are not only ancient Chinese values, but are universal values and indeed reflect the values of Canada as a plural democracy. This is really a common cause for celebration. — **Hon. Irwin Cotler, former Minister of Justice, vice chair of Parliamentary Friend of Falun Gong, speech at Falun Dafa Day celebration on parliament hill**

Falun Dafa's guiding principles of truth, benevolence and forbearance contribute to building a vibrant Canadian society where communities of faith are both valued and free to practice their religion or beliefs. — **Hon. Rob Nicholson, then Minister of Foreign Affairs, greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2015**

Together we must ensure that the basic human rights of Falun Dafa practitioners are being upheld. Falun Dafa's promotion of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance bring immense value to our communities here in Canada. — **Kevin Lamoureux, MP, Winnipeg North, greeting for Falun Dafa Month**

At a time of unrest in many countries, Falun Dafa has much to teach us about peace and harmony. We are fortunate, indeed, to live in a country that embraces freedom, and welcomes us to practice our beliefs. — **Hon. W. Thomas Molloy, Lieutenant Governor, Saskatchewan, Greetings for 2018**

The commitment of Falun Dafa's followers to the tenets of Truthfulness, and kindness, as well as the pursuit of improving oneself through the quiet practice of meditation and gentle movement is admirable — **Hon. Sandy Silver, Premier of Yukon, Greetings for 2018**

Falun Dafa has contributed significantly to Canada's cultural mosaic through its principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and forbearance — **Hon. Brian Gallant, Premier of New Brunswick, greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2017**

Falun Dafa's message of truth, compassion and tolerance is inspiring to people of all backgrounds. It resonates strongly in Alberta and indeed the rest of Canada where these principles are central to our democratic society — **Hon. Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2016**

At the heart of their tradition is to promote truthfulness, compassion, forbearance and to work hard in building this great nation. All Saskatchewan citizens can benefit from these teachings. — **Hon Don Morgan, Saskatchewan Minister of Education, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month**

I commend the Falun Dafa Association for sharing your practices and traditions. The teachings of compassion and tolerance are so important in creating a safe and healthy society. The universal principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance are important not just for a single group, but are foundational to the health and heart of our communities — **Hon. Glen Murray, Ontario Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month**

"Falun Dafa practitioners follow the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance and incorporate them into their daily lives, striving to become better people in all environments and situations; and transcending the racial and cultural boundaries, Falun Dafa embraces people of all ages, from all walks of life and religious affiliations; " — **Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, proclaim May 13, 2018, as "Falun Dafa Day" in Ottawa.**

4. Brief Introduction to Falun Dafa:

A traditional meditation and exercise practice based on ancient Chinese values, *Falun Dafa* emphasizes the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance in every practitioner's life. It comprises a set of 5 gentle, tranquil exercises, through which one is able to attain a healthy body and peace of mind. More than 100 million practitioners all over the world have benefited tremendously from the practice. Falun Dafa activities and classes are open to public and free of charge.

Since its introduction to the public on May 13th, 1992 by its founder, Mr. Li Hongzhi, Falun Dafa has received worldwide recognition for its concerted efforts to promote harmony, tolerance, and

compassion in society. Those who practise learn to overcome selfishness, think of others first, look inside themselves for causes of conflicts, and elevate their moral character, becoming better and healthier persons and more responsible members of society. Mr. Li, meanwhile, seeks no monetary reward and requires that the practice be available to everyone free of charge.

During the past years, Falun Dafa Day has been celebrated and has received thousands of awards and proclamations, acknowledging its benefits, both spiritual and physical, to practitioners and to society at large.

Despite a nation-wide state-led persecution of Falun Dafa, launched in China on July 20th, 1999 by the former Chinese president Jiang Zemin, the popularity of Falun Dafa has not only remained undiminished, but also flourished all over the world. Falun Dafa practitioners—inside and outside China—have responded to persecution with peaceful and persistent efforts to inform the public about the persecution, correct false claims made by the communist regime's propaganda about Falun Gong, and in so doing have provided outstanding examples of virtue and humanity in the face of injustice.

Falun Dafa practitioners across the world have walked a truly moral, righteous, and honourable path, winning wide recognition, support, and respect.

In May, we will commemorate this historical era of millions of Falun Dafa practitioners' righteous deeds and once again, acknowledge the benefits Falun Dafa brings to individuals, communities, and the world at large.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.falundafa.ca>; <http://faluninfo.net>