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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone celebrating Holi, the festival of colours.



Holi is a joyous time marking the end of the cold winter and welcoming the new life of spring. Across Canada and around the world, families of South Asian origin celebrate the festivity by singing and dancing, indulging in traditional delicacies, and painting each other with bright coloured powders and dyes. The occasion also highlights the fight between good and evil, and the ultimate triumph of light over darkness.

I would like to commend the organizers, the members of the Indian Canadian Organization, for honouring your traditions and for sharing your heritage with the community at large. Diversity is Canada's greatest strength. Events such as this showcase our country's multicultural fabric and foster a greater appreciation of our rich mix of cultures.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I wish all a very happy and peaceful Holi.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada