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## Greetings from the Prime Minister

On the occasion of World Falun Dafa Day, I am happy to extend my best wishes to the many Falun Gong practitioners who live and work in Canada and who contribute to our national diversity.

The tolerance which characterizes our cultural traditions, coupled with the enduring commitment of our people, has resulted in a quality of life which is admired internationally for its richness and diversity. As Canadian citizens, we are grateful for Canada's shared values of openness and tolerance and the freedom of conscience and religion. All Canadians, including Falun Gong practitioners, should remember to never take these values or rights for granted.

On this day, I commend Canada's Falun Gong community for its commitment to our nation's shared values and I wish you a happy, safe and prosperous year.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada