



April 9th, 2018

26th Anniversary – Greeting letter/Proclamation Request to Falun Dafa Month Celebration

Dear Mayor

I am writing to respectfully request again a greeting letter/proclamation from you as we pay tribute to the 26th anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa (also called Falun Gong) to the public.

May 13 is the anniversary that will be celebrated in over 80 countries including Canada. As part of our yearly tradition, we will mark the occasion with festivities and celebrations throughout May to share the goodness and benefits of Falun Dafa with more people.

Worldwide recognition of Falun Dafa includes thousands of awards and proclamations for promoting harmony and health in society through its traditional Chinese self-improvement system. The practice helps people to improve their spiritual, mental, moral, and physical wellbeing through meditative exercises and the guiding principles of *Truthfulness, Benevolence, and Forbearance*.

Despite the eradication campaign against Falun Gong by the Chinese Communist party has been ongoing for nearly 19 years, Falun Dafa's popularity has actually spread to over 100 countries.

In Canada, we are privileged to fully enjoy the values of openness and diversity, and the freedoms of conscience and religion. The upright stance on Falun Dafa from our government officials at every level, including Mayors, premiers, the Prime Ministers, has been a much appreciated fount of encouragement to us.

It is in this spirit that we celebrate in May and express our gratitude to all people who have lent us support. We would appreciate to receive your greeting messages by **May 8, 2018**.

We look forward to hearing from you
Sincerely,

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Previous greetings, proclamations, and speeches for Falun Dafa Month (excerpts)
[MPs Applaud Falun Gong and Adherents' Peaceful Advocacy Amid Adversity, May 2017](#)
Report on 2017 Falun Dafa Rally, Epochtimes, May 11, 2017

This Milestone is a wonderful occasion to highlight the enduring principles which define this thriving practice. Through the promotion of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance, Millions of people



around the world have benefitted from the teaching. —**Hon. Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Official Opposition, Greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2017**

...this makes the 10th or 11th year that I stand here to congratulate each and every one of you. I want to commend every one of you for your work on behalf of Falun Dafa practitioners throughout and around the world, for your commitment to peace. I add my voice to yours a united call for openness, tolerance and freedom of conscience... —**Hon. Judy Sgro, co-chair of Parliamentary Friends of Falun, speech at 2017 Falun Dafa Day celebration**

It is my distinguished honor to congratulate the leaders of the Falun Dafa Association 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, 2017 Falun Dafa Day greetings**

It is an honour to be with people who understand the importance of Truth, Compassion and Tolerance in our world today. You are real champions of a better world and we need to understand that people in all countries have the courage to speak up for the same kind of believes — **MP Cheryl Hardcastle, Windsor-Tecumseh, ON, Speech for Falun Dafa Month 2017**

I am so honored to be with you on this 25th anniversary of Falun Dafa Day. We recognize the practice of Falun Dafa committed to Truth, Compassion and Tolerance. It is a spiritual non-violence practice. -- **Elizabeth May, Leader of Green Party, speech for Falun Dafa Month 2017**

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**

This special celebration is an opportunity for practitioners around the globe to highlight the benefits of Falun Dafa. Promoting the principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance, the practice has found a receptive audience in Canada. I commend the Falun Dafa Association of Canada for sharing this discipline with fellow Canadians --- **The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, then Prime Minister of Canada, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2006-2015**

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 2016**

Falun DafaHao(great)! Falun DafaHao(Great)! ...They are universal rights that you are demanding here today..." **(Speech)** millions of practitioners are gathering around the world to reflect on the founding principles of Falun Dafa: Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance. In Canada, Falun Dafa practitioners have contributed to the promotion of mutual respect and understanding, ---**The Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of National Defence, Minister of Multiculturalism, Speech, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2015**



We also received greetings from: MP David Sweet, MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP Darren Fisher, MP Alex Nuttall, MP Murray Rankin, MP Dianne Watts, MP Peter Julian, MP James Bezen, MP Ted Falk, MP David Anderson,

Hon. Rochelle Squires-Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritagbe-Manitoba, Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff -Minister of Park, Culture and Sport-SK, Hon. Jeremy Harriso-Minister of the Economy-SK, Hon. Don Morgan-Minister of Education-SK, Ontario MPP Harinder Malhi, Ontario MPP Sam Oosterhoff, Toronto City Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, Councillor Josh Matlow, Councillor Cristyn Wong-Tam

2017 Municipal Proclamation of Falun Dafa Day	2017 Greetings from Mayors
Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa, ON City of Saskatoon, SK Mayor Chris Friel, City of Brantford, ON City of Yorkton, SK Mayor Al McDonal, City of North Bay, ON Mayor G.A. Krantz, Town of Milton,ON Cape Breton Regional Municipality Mayor Bill Given, City of Grande Prairie, AB Mayor Craig Copeland, City of Cold Lake, AB Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Town of Amherstburg, ON Town of Wasaga Beach, ON Quinte West, ON Mayor Mike Savage, City of Halifax, NS(2016) Mayor Bryan Paterson, Kingston, ON(2016) City of Penticton, BC City of Kelowna, BC	Mayor Brain Bowman, City of Manitoba, MB Mayor Lisa Helps, City of Victoria, BC Mayor Daryl Bennett, City of Peterborough, ON Mayor John Henry, City of Oshawa, ON Mayor Chris Friel, City of Brantford, ON Mayor Rick Goldring, City of Burlington, ON Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, City of Vaughan, ON Mayor David Dunphy, City of Stratford, ON Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Town of Auroa, ON Mayor Virgina Hackson, Town of East Gwillimbury, ON Mayor Don Darling, City of Saint John, NB Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Town of Bonavista, NF-LB Mayor Jack Froese, Township of Langley, BC Mayor Mike Clay, City of Port Moody, BC Mayor Greg Moore, City of Port Coquitlam, BC Mayor Linda Hepner, City of Surrey, BC Mayor Larry Jangula, City of Courtenay, BC

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 2015 Falun Dafa Day celebration***

The traditional practice of Falun Dafa encourages harmony, acceptance, and compassion. Its practitioners foster ideals that are an important part of Canada's diverse heritage and that are reflected in that Government of Canada's commitment to preserve and enhance respect for differences and for human dignity. — ***Hon. Shelly Glover, then Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages. greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2015***



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

Introduction of Falun Dafa:

A traditional Qigong exercise 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 spiritual enlightenment. 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 month has been celebrated and received thousands of awards and proclamations, acknowledging its benefits, both spiritual and physical, to practitioners and the society at large.

Despite a nation-wide state-led persecution against Falun Dafa that was 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 an outstanding example 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. Together, we will commemorate this historical era of millions of Falun Dafa practitioners' righteous deeds and once again, acknowledge Falun Dafa for the benefits it brings to individuals, communities, and the world at large.

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