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GREETINGS

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I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone participating in the 16th *Canada International Children's Art Festival* with "flower" as its theme. A nation's culture is defined by its participation in the arts. Art comes in many forms and is inspired by different traditions and practices, and this diversity in art is what makes Canada's culture unique.

Canada's culture is built through the contributions of people from all ages, ethnicities and cultures, and we embrace the richness of this diversity. It is from this that we derive our strength as a nation, where many different threads are weaved together into a single cultural tapestry of many different colours, sounds, and traditions. Through this festival, many youth have been introduced to the extraordinary doors that open to them through exposure to the arts, and I am delighted to support and encourage Canadians, of all ages and from our varied backgrounds, in artistically expressing themselves in their own special way.

The works of these gifted young artists is their own unique contribution to our beautiful cultural mosaic, and they are on full display here today for all to see, admire, and enjoy. As the Member of Parliament for Richmond Centre, I applaud their creativity and the efforts they have put into their art. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful festival and my congratulations to all the award winners today.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice Wong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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