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Congratulatory message from Minister Duclos for the 16th Canada International Children's Art Festival

As Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, I know that supporting children is investing in the future. Art is an important part of every culture and is a natural way of expression for children.

I would like to sincerely thank the Canada International Children's Art Foundation for organizing the 16th Canada International Children's Art Festival. This year's theme is "flowers", which allow children and youth to both express themselves and raise awareness of the environmental challenges that we face collectively. This Festival teaches children that art can be an outlet, but also a way to have a positive impact on the world.

It is a privilege to be able to have a peek into children's inner worlds. This event offers an enriching experience for all. By giving kids every chance to thrive, we are not only enhancing their future, but also the future of Canada. Let's make sure that our future leaders are given the opportunities they need to develop and succeed.

I wish you all a great festival.

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, P.C., M.P.

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