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Greetings from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all those participating in the celebration of the exhibition of the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace at the Hoa Nghiem Monastery. On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, I would like to thank the Hoa Nghiem Monastery for their unwavering devotion to Canada and to peace around the world.

The exhibition of the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace in Canada will provide Canadians with the rare opportunity to view this magnificent symbol of peace and compassion. It inspires all those who see it to cultivate peace worldwide as well as in their own hearts, minds, homes and families. The rarity of the jade and the magnificence of the carving remind all Canadians of the importance of the peaceful pathway in preventing suffering and destruction.

As Prime Minister Harper has said "As Canadians we are blessed to live in a democratic country where we resolve our differences peacefully, can enjoy freedom of our religion, expression and beliefs, and always count on protection from a common rule of law". The exhibition of the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace here in Canada reminds us that we are blessed to live in a country that values peace and freedom.

As Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, I thank the Hoa Nghiem Monastery for providing Canadians with the opportunity to view and be inspired by the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace. I invite all Canadians to share in this extraordinary event.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Kenney'.

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

