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A Message from the Premier

As Premier of the province of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the exhibition of the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace at the Hoa Nghiem Monastery in Aldergrove.

I understand the Jade Buddha was carved from an extremely rare boulder of translucent jade called 'Polar Pride' which was discovered in Canada. The Jade Buddha has now been on tour in such places as Australia, Asia and the United States. We are honoured to have the privilege of this visit to our province and appreciate the important significance that it holds for many of our citizens.

British Columbia's multicultural composition has played an important role in the development of our great province. This diversity fosters an environment of acceptance and understanding and is a source of pride and strength for British Columbians. We are so fortunate to be living in such an enriched province.

Please accept my best wishes for a meaningful and memorable exhibition.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell
Premier

