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Greetings from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the Mahakumbhabhishekam Grand Opening Ceremony of the Sri Sharadamba Temple and the Adi Shankara Museum, organized by the Sringeri Vidya Bharati Foundation (SVBF) Canada. On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, I would like to thank the SVBF for your unwavering devotion to a diverse and prosperous Canada.

This inauguration of the newly renovated temple and the integrated temple complex represents a milestone in the life of the Hindu Canadian community of the Greater Toronto Area. On such important occasions, Indo-Canadians come together to honour their heritage and celebrate the success of our multicultural society.

Canada is a welcoming, pluralistic, land of opportunity. As Prime Minister Harper noted: "Pluralism allows individuals to retain their cultural, linguistic and religious heritage within a framework of shared citizenship." As Canadians, we all take great pride in our shared achievements and commit to building together an even stronger and more inclusive country.

As Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, I would like to thank the Indo-Canadian community for your steadfast commitment to the diversity of Canada and to wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

My heartfelt congratulations on this most joyful occasion.

Sincerely,

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

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

