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# CANADA DAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Canada Day is a part of Canadian living, and we are proud to become a hosting member of this memorable event. ICDC-Alberta and MTG Healthcare Academy hosted this nation's pride event in the afternoon at the students' atrium. The students, family, and friends highlighted this event and distinguished the guests and community leaders, including those from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and the Philippines.



## A Celebration of Multiculturalism

Talented performers captivated the audience with their intricate movements and colorful costumes, showcasing the cultural traditions of Bangladesh and Nepal. Each dance was a vivid display of artistry and heritage, bringing to life the unique stories and traditions of these rich cultures. The colourful costumes, embellished with intricate embroidery and shimmering fabrics, added to the visuals, making the performances a feast for the eyes.



In addition to the captivating dance performances, the Canada Day event featured a wide range of activities designed to cater to all ages, ensuring that there was something for everyone to enjoy. Artworks from children were also displayed in the event. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in interactive workshops which offered learning opportunities. These workshops covered various topics, from arts and crafts to cultural education, allowing participants to immerse themselves in different aspects of the diverse cultures represented at the event. Children and families enjoyed a variety of fun-filled activities, including face painting, games, and storytelling sessions.



The Canada Day event also provided a unique platform for connecting with community members and leaders. Attendees had the chance to meet and interact with local government representatives, including Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), who were present to engage with the community and discuss local issues. This interaction fostered a sense of unity and collaboration, highlighting the importance of civic engagement and community support. Individuals in the photo are (from left to right): Mr. Kois Chowdhury, President of Bangladesh Community, George Chahal, MP, Prakash Bashyal, President of Nepal Community, Raj Dhalwal of Ward 5, and Hon. Jasraj Singh Hallan, MP.

Nepal community president Prakash Bashyal, Mr. Gopal Bhatta and the cultural team participated in the event as part of the celebration on behalf of rich Nepalese cultural heritage roots.

**“Summer is the best time of year, and celebrating Canada Day with family and friends is more memorable and remarkable to me.”**

- Mr. Kois Chowdhury

As a special recognition of their contributions, some participants were awarded certificates by community leaders. These awards were presented by local government representatives who acknowledged the hard work and dedication of those involved in making the event a success. The certificates served as a token of appreciation for their efforts in promoting cultural diversity and community engagement.



The Canada Day event hosted by ICDC-MTG was a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity and community spirit. The captivating dance performances from Bangladesh and Nepal, along with a variety of engaging activities and delicious multicultural cuisine, created an unforgettable experience for all attendees. This event not only highlighted the rich cultural heritage of our community but also fostered meaningful connections and a sense of unity among participants. We look forward to continuing to celebrate and embrace our diverse cultural tapestry in future events.

# ICDC-MTG LETTERS FROM LEADERS

## Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I send my warmest greetings for ICDC - Alberta and MTG Healthcare Academy's, Nation's Pride Canada Day 2024.

I would like to recognize the tremendous work that both these organizations do to foster better health outcomes. Their efforts are making an impact to save lives, and that is worthy of the utmost praise.

Events like today's are a fun and friendly way to build connections, make new friends, and create community spirit. A sense of community enriches one's life and I encourage everyone attending to make the most of this event.

Strong community spirit is also a reminder of the incredible power of togetherness and of the exceptional accomplishments when we can achieve when we come together as people, as a society, or as a country. Indeed, celebrating Canada Day is about recognizing the contributions from Canadians everywhere to make our country the very best possible place to live. We should all take great pride in this excellent country that we call home to.

Please accept my best wishes for an excellent and fun filled Canada Day event!



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-Hon. Justin Trudeau,  
Prime Minister of Canada

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-Hon. Danielle Smith,  
Premier of Alberta

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone attending Nation's Pride Canada Day 2024.

Once a year, Canadians have the chance to gather with family, friends and neighbors to celebrate living in the greatest country in the world. Whether you have been in Canada all your life or have just made your home here, I know we share a deep gratitude for the freedom and opportunity we enjoy. We honour the values that have moved our nation forward, and we take pride in the ways we all contribute to its bright future.

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Happy Canada Day!



Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta



## Greetings from the Honourable Muhammad Yaseen Alberta's Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism

As the Minister of immigration and Multiculturalism, I have the honour of promoting and advancing the creation of diverse and inclusive future for Alberta. Community events like Canada Day are opportunities for all Albertans to see and experience the value that multiculturalism creates in our province across Canada.

Canadians of all cultures are valued contributors to the Albertan way of life. Members of our diverse communities play leadership roles in all levels of government, post-secondary institutions, healthcare, and across all other parts of society. Celebrations like this one are an important acknowledgement of this collective contribution.

On behalf of Alberta's government, thank you to the International Community Development Centre-Alberta and MTG-Healthcare Academy, and thank you to Alberta's multicultural community for their support of inclusivity and multiculturalism in our province. May all Albertans continue to embrace each other's differences and find strength in our unity.



The Honourable Muhammad Yaseen  
Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism



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-Hon. Muhammad Yaseen,  
Minister of immigration and  
Multiculturalism

# LETTERS FROM LEADERS CONT'D.


## Message from Honourable Mickey Amery, KC

Canada Day has always been a special occasion for me and my family. My father, Moe Amery, was born in Lebanon in 1973 he came to Canada. In Canada, he found an open egalitarian place that not only respected his Arab roots, but also rewarded his hard work with tremendous success in business and in politics. Here he raised a family, set up a successful real estate firm, and served in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for more than 20 years.

I have always been inspired by my father's love of Canada and have tried to continue his efforts to serve the public, build a brighter future for Alberta, and break down barriers for other newcomers to this beautiful country. As minister of justice, I take pride in the work of our ministry has done to make our justice system a safe, respectful, and welcoming space for everyone who enters a courthouse.

Canada has changed a great deal in the half-century since the arrival of my father and his family, but its promise of opportunity, freedom, and prosperity remains undiminished.



  
Honourable Mickey Amery, KC, ECA  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Alberta



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-Hon. Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Alberta

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-Raj Dhaliwal, Ward 5 City Councillor

## GREETINGS FROM COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

As we approach Canada Day 2024, I wanted to extend my heartfelt appreciation and warmest greetings to the dedicated teams at ICDC-Alberta and MTG Healthcare Academy for organizing this year's celebration. Your commitment to our community and the meticulous planning that goes into such an event are truly commendable.

Since 2012, your organizations have been pillars of support, providing invaluable educational opportunities and fostering community spirit. The impact of your work is felt by many, and this upcoming Canada Day event is a testament to your ongoing dedication.

This year's celebration promises to be a vibrant and joyful occasion, bringing together families, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon filled with arts, music, and cultural festivities. It is through events like these that we celebrate not only our national pride but also the diversity and unity that define us as Canadians.

I look forward to joining you and the community on July 1st to celebrate our great nation. Thank you once again for your hard work and for making this event possible. I am confident it will be a tremendous success.



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On behalf of more than 2800 hundred employees and the Board of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), we are pleased to extend our warmest greetings to everyone attending the ICDC-Alberta and MTG Healthcare Academy, Eastside Resource Centre's Canada 157th birthday celebration.

Canada is a great and welcoming country, whether you were born here or emigrated from another country. It is a place that opens its arms to all who work hard, play by the rules, and accept their responsibilities to make Canada and our world a better place. We are delighted and appreciate the positive role ICDC-Alberta and MTG Healthcare Academy have played in hosting this memorable Canada Day, sharing their multicultural spirit, and bringing communities together. We are proud to be a partner organization in Bangladesh, sharing the same values and goals.

I thank all the participating community organizations, leaders, dignitaries, and volunteers who made this event successful. Canada is a blessed nation and a role model country in the world. We wish you all the best and success in the years to come.

Sincerely,  
  
Philip Biswas  
Founder, Executive Director



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-Philip Biswas, Executive Director

# OUR VISION



International Community Development Centre, ICDC-Alberta, is a registered not-for-profit organization in the Province of Alberta, serving citizens since April 2012. To serve the community better, ICDC-Alberta partnered with MTG Healthcare Academy in career education to support the job market skills development program. We strongly believe in five pillars:

- Youth learning and development
- Adult career education for job market needs
- Women's empowerment in small businesses
- Community support for mental health
- Seniors support in group-home living

We reflect on cultural diversity, inclusion, sharing knowledge and resources to enhance capacity building. We are connected with diverse community groups and local government agencies, such as municipalities, provincial and federal governments. These are our energy sources and drive us forward to work together for better results.

## Special Guests



**Hon. Jasraj Singh Hallan, MP**  
Shadow Minister for Finance



**Hon. Irfan Sabir, MLA**  
Official Opposition Deputy House Leader



**Hon. Muhammad Yaseen, MLA**  
Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism



**Mr. George Chahal, MP**  
Calgary Skyview



**Mr. Raj Daliwal**  
Councillor Ward 5, City of Calgary



**Mr. Parmeet Singh Boparai, MLA**  
Calgary Falcondridge



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