



Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia
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Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to bring greetings to members of the Vietnamese Association of Nova Scotia as you gather in Halifax on January 25th to celebrate your 2003 (lunar) New Year.

The Vietnamese community is a vibrant and enriching part of our society, whose members make a tremendous contribution to our communities across the province.

Citizens of our province are most fortunate to have the diversity of heritages and experiences that form the basis of our society, and it is with this spirit and commitment that Nova Scotia shines as one of the best and most beautiful places in which to live.

On behalf of the people of Nova Scotia, His Honour and I extend our very best wishes to members of the Vietnamese community for a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Honourable Myra A. Freeman
Lieutenant Governor
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Greetings

On behalf of Members of Halifax Regional Council, it is a pleasure to extend to you very warm greetings as you celebrate this very special occasion - the Vietnamese New Year.

The 2003 (Lunar) New Year is much more than a holiday. It is the celebration of the changing from winter to spring. It is swathed in traditions and rituals. I understand that this is the biggest and most important holiday for each of you.

It is a time to celebrate your family, a time to pay respects to your ancestors, and a time to relax from all the hard work from the previous year.

I would like to extend our appreciation to the Vietnamese Society of Nova Scotia who have actively contributed to the prosperity and development of our Region. You have made significant contributions to our community. 2003 will surely be a year to remember and a year of adventure.

On behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality, I wish you peace and happiness.

Respectfully, I remain,

*Peter J. Kelly
Mayor*



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**Message of greeting
from Honourable John F. Hamm,
Premier of Nova Scotia
to the Vietnamese Association of Nova Scotia's New Year Celebration
Halifax, N.S.
January 25, 2003**

On behalf of the province of Nova Scotia, I would like to wish all members of the Vietnamese Association of Nova Scotia a happy and prosperous New Year.

Our province's Vietnamese community has long played an important role in Nova Scotia's rich cultural mosaic. Through the hard work and leadership of the Vietnamese Association of Nova Scotia, our communities are stronger than ever before. Your dedication continues to unite many different cultures together in celebration.

This special event is a great way to bring members of the community closer together to celebrate the past year, as well as to look ahead to the future. Let this be a time to have fun with friends, family, and those you haven't seen in a while.

Our government looks forward to working together with you in the years ahead. I wish you all good luck and a happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hamm". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J".

John F. Hamm