



PRIME MINISTER - PREMIER MINISTRE

I am pleased to offer my warmest greetings to the members of the Vietnamese Canadian Federation on the occasion of the Vietnamese New Year, Têt Nguyen Dan.

Tonight's event welcomes the Year of the Water Buffalo with a celebration of the rich customs that are an integral part of Vietnamese culture. As the most important holiday for your community, Têt is a time for new beginnings and renewed hope, the opportunity to gather with family and friends to exchange warm wishes and look forward to a prosperous new year.

I would like to thank the organizers of this event for their commitment to sharing the beauty of Vietnamese traditions with their fellow Canadians. As we embark upon this new year, let us renew our commitment to the principles and values that make it possible for us to reap the benefits of freedom. With hope and optimism, we will continue to accomplish great things in 2009.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a most enjoyable event, and for a healthy and prosperous year.

Stephen Harper

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**Greetings from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration  
and Multiculturalism**

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to those celebrating the Lunar New Year holiday of Tết Nguyên Đán. On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Vietnamese Canadian Federation (VCF) for their dedication and contribution to Canadian society.

I sincerely hope that members of the Vietnamese community across Canada will take a few moments during Tết celebrations to reflect upon the positive role they have played over the past year to ensure the strength of this great nation. In particular, I would like to draw attention to the contributions of the VCF, whose efforts help to promote the Canadian values of democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law, and serve to foster a stronger, healthier and more vibrant community for everyone. Canada is a wonderful success story, but it is contributions like these that help make that story even greater.

Thank you again for your dedicated contributions and best wishes for luck, success and prosperity in the New Year.

*Cung chúc tân xuân!*

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jason Kenney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism