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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 17th annual Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival.

This festival blends traditional Asian heritage with contemporary Canadian culture. With its mix of performances, children's activities, and food from around the world, the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival is a highly anticipated event in the national capital's summer calendar.

Now the largest festival of its kind in North America, this year's edition brings together more than 65,000 attendees for a spectacular display of the ancient practice of dragon boat racing. I would like to commend all the paddlers, volunteers, performers, sponsors and organizers for their efforts to ensure the smooth operation of this exciting event.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a memorable weekend.

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