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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone celebrating Chinese New Year.

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is a time to reflect upon the memories and accomplishments of the past year, and to look to the future with optimism and hope. This year, Chinese communities in Canada and around the world welcome the Year of the Snake, a symbol of wisdom, charm, elegance, and transformation.



As family and friends come together, this occasion is also a chance for all of us to recognize the important contributions that Canadians of Chinese descent make to our national fabric and to celebrate their role in making our country the diverse and inclusive place we call home.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes to all those ringing in Chinese New Year.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
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A Message from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

It is a pleasure to begin my tenure as Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia by celebrating Chinese New Year—a time of joy, reflection, and togetherness. This is a moment to honour traditions passed down through generations and to embrace the values of unity, perseverance, and hope that bind us as a community.

Together, we enter the Year of the Snake, which carries profound symbolism in Chinese culture. The snake, with its grace and wisdom, is seen as a creature of transformation, renewal, and intuition. It reminds us of the importance of patience and adaptability—qualities that resonate deeply as we navigate the challenges and opportunities of today's world.

Here in Nova Scotia, we are fortunate to have a vibrant and diverse Chinese community that enriches the cultural fabric of our province. Your contributions in business, education, government, the arts, and beyond have strengthened our society in countless ways. Tonight, as we welcome a new year, we also celebrate the enduring spirit of friendship and collaboration that enriches our province.

This celebration reminds us of the shared values that unite us all—respect, gratitude, and the hope for a brighter future. It is my wish that the coming year provides opportunities to connect with family and loved ones, celebrate milestones, and support one another through life's challenges. May we continue to foster understanding, strengthen relationships, and build a community where everyone feels valued and included.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia and the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia for organizing the 2025 Chinese New Year Banquet. Your ongoing hospitality and dedication are deeply appreciated.

May the Year of the Snake bring happiness, abundance, and good health to all.

Mike Savage, ONS
Lieutenant Governor

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Premier's Message

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, I am honoured to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2025 Chinese New Year Banquet.

The Chinese-Nova Scotian community contributes immensely to the cultural richness and diversity of our province. Such occasions provide us with the opportunity to celebrate the heritage, traditions and values of the Chinese culture, which have become an integral part of Nova Scotia.

As we welcome the Year of the Snake, we are reminded of the importance of resilience, wisdom and transformation qualities that resonate deeply with all Nova Scotians. This celebration is not just a reflection of the Chinese community's enduring spirit but also a reminder of the strength we find in coming together to honor our shared values and experiences.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia and the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia for their ongoing efforts in organizing this cherished event. May this banquet be a joyous celebration of culture, community and tradition, and may it continue to flourish in the years to come.

Yours truly,

Honourable Tim Houston
Premier of Nova Scotia



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Greetings from the Mayor



As Mayor of Halifax and on behalf of Regional Council, it is my distinct pleasure to extend warm greetings and best wishes as you celebrate the 2025 Chinese New Year - Lunar New Year of the Snake.

The Chinese community has greatly enriched the multicultural fabric of our nation, province, and municipality playing a significant role in the diverse and dynamic character of this region. Actively contributing both culturally and economically to our growth and prosperity; making a lasting and positive impact.

I want to acknowledge, with gratitude, the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia and the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia for hosting the 2025 Chinese New Year Banquet and for the important work you do in promoting the Chinese culture in our many communities.

Enjoy this evening of cultural celebration, I wish you, your families, and community, continued good health and happiness in the year to come.

Kindest regards,

P. A. Farnsworth

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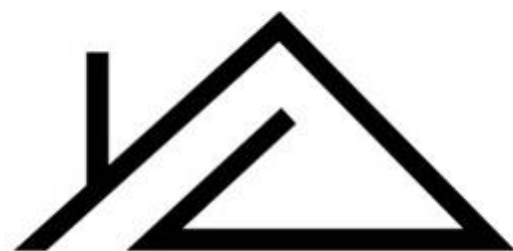


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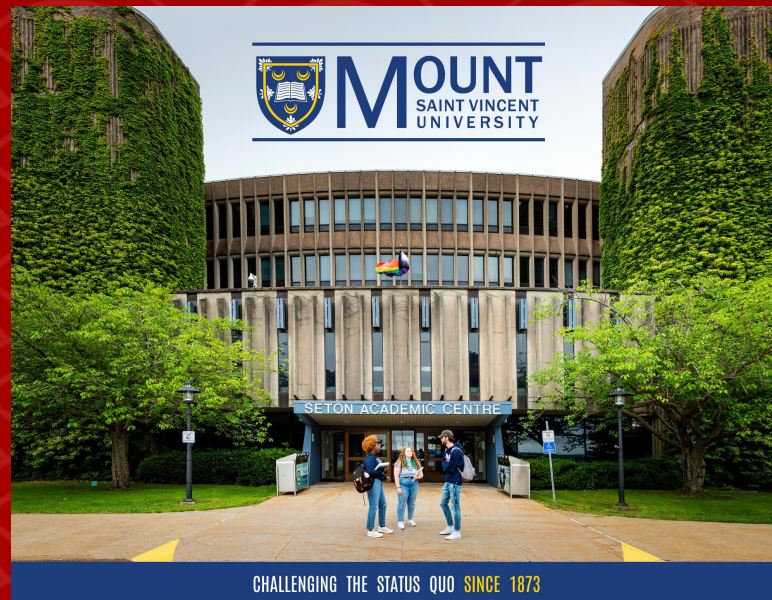


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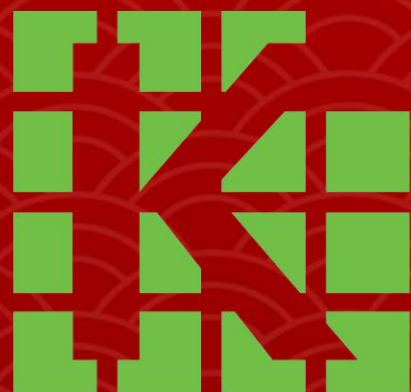


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