



**PERSONAL MESSAGE AND GREETINGS FROM
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MINISTER OF HEALTH**

**CANADA INDIA NETWORK INITIATIVE
HEALTH AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

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I would like to extend my greetings to the Canada India Network Initiative. I commend you on presenting this opportunity for medical professionals and leaders from Canada and India to come together to discuss a variety of topics, including primary care, allied health training, yoga and Ayurvedic medicine in the pursuit of better, more culturally responsive health care.

Fraser Health has the third largest South Asian population in Canada, with over 182,000 people of South Asian origin living in the region. That is why we created the South Asian Health Clinic in 2013 through a partnership with the local Division of Family Practice-Surrey North Delta and Fraser Health. The clinic and other innovations throughout our primary care system are helping to better support the health of South Asian people and reduce the impacts of chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

The clinic builds on existing programs, services and partnerships and fosters new collaboration aimed at improving the health and wellness of the South Asian community. By building these links locally and globally, and engaging the support of academics, industry, government and community, the Canada India Network Initiative is providing a platform for better health for all British Columbians. Together, we're sharing wisdom and knowledge to create innovation.

When Fraser Health met with the Canada India Network Initiative in 2010, the clinic was merely a concept. Today, it is researching ways to improve the lives of many South Asians. I hope this week provides more opportunities to build on collaborative nature and vision of the society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Lake".

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