



Message from the Honourable Bruce Ralston
Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology



As Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology of the Province of British Columbia, and as Member of the Legislative Assembly for Surrey-Whalley, I am pleased to welcome delegates to the Canada India Network Initiative (CINI) 2018 taking place in Surrey, B.C.

The theme this year is building healthy civil society through engagement, technology and innovation. I look forward to the conversations this theme will generate, as I recognize firsthand the powerful role technology and innovation plays in British Columbia.

B.C.'s tech and innovation sector is a driving force in our economy. It creates family-supporting jobs and is helping modernize our more traditional and resource-based sectors. In particular, I'm excited about technology's potential to improve people's lives.

Whether through clinical research, health monitoring apps for patients, or communications tools that allow people to collaborate together, technology and innovation plays a key role in advancing a healthy civil society.

My thanks to the Canada India Network Society and co-hosts Simon Fraser University and Fraser Health for organizing this interactive conference.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Ralston
Minister Jobs, Trade and Technology