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Greetings from the Prime Minister

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest personal greetings to everyone attending today's event to celebrate the launch of the South Asian Health Institute at Fraser Health, hosted by the Canada India Network Society.

I was interested to learn about this innovative institute that will address health conditions prevalent in the South Asian community. While diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and hypertension affect millions of Canadians, the incidence is significantly higher among those of South Asian descent. This novel community-based initiative will examine this worrying trend and provide resources to reduce the chronic disease burden on individuals, families and the healthcare system.

I would like to take this opportunity to join you in giving special thanks to all those who have helped to realize this laudable project. You can take great pride in your outstanding dedication to the health and well-being of your fellow citizens.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a memorable launch, and for every future success.

Sincerely,

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*