



A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN HORGAN

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I'm pleased to welcome everyone attending the 15th Vancouver International Soccer Festival hosted by One Team United: Soccer for Peace and Development Society.

This annual tournament brings people together across borders and boundaries to experience the camaraderie and vitality fostered by the world's most popular sport. Soccer's accessibility and broad appeal creates a level field for people everywhere to enjoy the benefits of active recreation and team spirit. Sports have been an integral part of my life, and they are a passion shared by so many fellow British Columbians. Occasions like this, when we can engage with athletes and enthusiasts representing nations around the world, offer wonderful opportunities to show our respect for our teams, our opponents, and the game. Whether on the field, bench, or in the stands, the example you set for players and fans following in your footsteps is a huge part of the joy and privilege of participating in a multicultural sporting event.

I want to extend my appreciation to the festival staff and volunteers for their hard work organizing this tournament to promote inclusion, equality and respect. These are values shared by our government and the people of our province, and we thank you for your contributions to ensuring BC remains vibrant and welcoming for everyone.

I wish all of the teams the best of luck – I know that your drive and energy will make this competition memorable, as you celebrate diverse cultures and inspire the crowds. Have fun!


HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA