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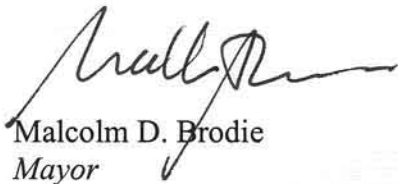
GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR:

On behalf of City Council and the residents of Richmond, I would like to extend sincere greetings to all those who are participating in the 13th *Annual explorASIAN Festival* presented by the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society.

The *explorASIAN 2009 Festival* is an important platform for the showcasing of the contemporary arts and culture that are emerging from the Canadian Asian heritage.

As Mayor of the City of Richmond, I take pride in our vibrant multicultural community, and believe that appreciating and celebrating cultural diversity is a positive feature of our society that serves to promote cross-cultural understanding, harmony, and citizenship. Celebrations such as Asian Heritage Month and the *explorASIAN 2009 Festival* provide important opportunities for people of all cultures and backgrounds to learn, share, and appreciate the cultural heritages of others.

Best wishes on a successful, insightful, and entertaining celebration.



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