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Crystal Hung, Festival Manager  
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**RE: 13th Annual explorASIAN Festival**

Dear Ms Hung and festival coordinators:

When May comes round it is a pleasure for me to participate in the explorASIAN Festival, so I welcome the opportunity to write to you on this subject.

From Fredericton to Victoria, communities across Canada will soon be celebrating Asian culture in recognition of the many benefits Asian Canadians bring to Canadian society. Vancouver's explorASIAN festival is an outstanding example. Canada's second oldest Asian Heritage Month festival never disappoints: the range of events is always impressive, and community participation enthusiastic.

These are the events that build community; in difficult times, we need such celebrations more than ever. I wish to thank the festival organizers for all your hard work, which I'm sure will result in an extremely successful event for British Columbia.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Crowder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jean Crowder, MP  
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