

The Hon. Yonah Martin

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Greetings from the Honourable Yonah Martin

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to all participants and guests at the 13th Annual explorASIAN Festival.

This lively festival will delight Vancouver audiences with a blend of music, dance, film and stage production inspired by the heritage and traditions of our Asian-Canadian communities. This festival allows us to join together to celebrate cultural harmony and community diversity during Asian Heritage Month.

I remember fondly the year explorASIAN featured Korea in 2005, and enjoyed collaborating with many partners, celebrating the beauty of Korean culture and heritage within Canada, and experiencing meaningful inter-cultural exchanges during the process.

I commend the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society for organizing this highly anticipated annual festival and for your ongoing efforts to promote culture through celebration. I would also like to thank the University of British Columbia, my alma mater, for its support of this spirited community celebration.

On behalf of the Senate of Canada, I wish you a joyous and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yonah Martin', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

The Honourable Yonah Martin
Senator