



A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DAVID EBY

As Premier of British Columbia, I am pleased to extend my warmest holiday greetings to readers of Japan Canada Today's celebratory edition for New Year's Day 2023.

This is a hopeful time, as we celebrate the end of one year and welcome another. While 2022 brought challenges for many across our province, we can look back on the past year with the knowledge that brighter days are ahead of us. I invite all British Columbians to reflect on the shared values we hold dear – acceptance, respect and inclusion. We can always do more to make BC, and the world, a better place.

I want to express my appreciation to the Japan Canada Today staff for their commitment to strengthening ties between our two nations. Your publication serves as a vital resource for Japanese-speaking people in our province and can help make newcomers feel more welcome and connected. Thank you for your valuable contributions to the vibrant multiculturalism that makes British Columbia such a wonderful place to call home.

Please accept my best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy new year. Yoi otoshi o!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Eby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

HONOURABLE EBY, K.C.
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA