



## **A MESSAGE *from* PREMIER DAVID EBY**

As Premier of British Columbia, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the readers of *Japan Canada Today* on New Year's Day 2024.

The start of a new year provides a chance to reflect on past challenges and successes and look to the future with hope and optimism. It is a time to come together with family, friends and loved ones to celebrate new beginnings and consider the ways we can make each new year better than the last. As we look ahead to 2024, our government will continue to take meaningful action on the issues that matter most to the people of British Columbia – tackling the housing crisis, strengthening health care, addressing climate change and making our communities safer. Together, we can build a brighter future for all.

British Columbia's cultural diversity is one its strongest assets, and publications like *Japan Canada Today* serve as a vital resource for our province's Japanese-speaking community. Thank you to all of the staff for helping to keep people feel welcomed, informed and connected.

May the coming year bring good health, happiness and many new memories for you and your loved ones.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Eby".

**Honourable David Eby, KC**  
*Premier of British Columbia*