



A MESSAGE *from* PREMIER DAVID EBY

As Premier of British Columbia, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to the readers of *Japan Canada Today* on New Year's Day 2026.

Across BC, people mark this occasion in many meaningful ways. Whether it is through shared meals, cultural celebrations or cherished family traditions passed down through generations, the new year is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends. It is an opportunity to reflect on the progress that we made last year as well as look ahead with optimism and determination. In the new year, our government remains focused on strengthening our communities and ensuring that essential services meet the needs of all British Columbians.

I would like to thank the team at *Japan Canada Today* for the work they do connecting and engaging the Japanese Canadian community of our province. BC is strengthened by its multiculturalism and publications like this play an important role in supporting our diverse communities.

A new year brings new opportunities, and I hope this one will be filled with good health, much joy and renewed purpose.

Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David Eby", written over a horizontal line.

Honourable David Eby, KC
Premier of British Columbia