

August 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

As the Member of Parliament for London North Centre, it is my pleasure to extend best wishes to London's Korean-Canadian community on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Liberation Day of Korea.

As Canadians, we are exceedingly proud of our multiculturalism. By celebrating each other's culture and heritage, we are able to deepen our relationships with fellow Canadians. The anniversary of Korean Independence is a momentous occasion of significant importance, not only in Korean history but Canadian history as well. Today, we take the time to listen to the experiences, lessons, triumphs, and history of an important group of people who have contributed greatly to Canada. Canada's Korean community in particular, has been thriving since the early 1960s. The strength, courage, and resilience of this community throughout the decades has been inspirational.

Ordinarily this time of year we have families and friends gathered to mark this very important day. I know things will be much different because of the crisis we are facing due to COVID-19 and the preventative measures that are in place. However, and I want to emphasize that we should not allow the virus to weaken the bonds that we share with our loved ones and our community. Continue to keep in touch, remain united, and stay kind to each other during this time. We will get through this.

I would like to thank the organizers from the Korean Society of London for putting together this wonderful event, and to everyone present virtually for taking the time to join your fellow Londoners to celebrate this day.

I hope everyone gathered enjoys a festive and celebratory Independence Day.

Best wishes to all,



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