



## Celebrating National Liberation Day of Korea

As we approach the anniversary of the National Liberation Day of Korea, I would like to take this chance to wish the London Korean community a happy day of celebration. Normally on this day we would enjoy each other's company and celebrate with music and delicious food, as we did last year in Gibbons Park. The current pandemic has changed everything, and we will miss spending the day with our neighbours and loved ones. I truly appreciate the sacrifices the Korean community has made and continues to make in practicing physical distancing to limit the spread of COVID-19.

My deepest thanks to the Korean Society of London for sharing this ceremony with our London community over five decades, and for your creative shift to an online format. I look forward to exploring the full virtual "Korean Day" experience to share the historical and cultural significance of this day. Though we cannot gather in person, it will be more important than ever to check-in with elders, friends, and loved ones who may be alone and remind them their community is still with them.

While I understand this Korean Day will be a unique one, I know the community is willing and able to overcome these challenges with resilience. No matter how you're celebrating this year, I want you to remember that even if we're separated physically, the light will always return, and we are still united together as a community.

Happy Gwangbokjeol!

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