



Celebrating the 31st-Falun Dafa Day **Request for Flag Raising and Proclamation**

Dear His Worship Justin Towndale

In commemoration of the 31st Falun Dafa Day celebration on May 13th, 2023, we respectfully request again a recognition in the form of a flag raising and a proclamation. This annual occasion pays tribute to the contributions of the Falun Dafa members in Canada—many of whom arrived here as refugees fleeing the persecution in China, and celebrates the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.

In 2022, we were thrilled to have had 23 Canadian cities do flags-raising or lighting-up the landmarks to celebrate our Falun Dafa Day. We also received over 110 supporting letters and/or proclamations from Canadian MPs, MPPs, Mayors, and City Councillors.

We particularly appreciate that last year, city of Cornwall passed the proclamation and raised the flag for our monumental 30 years celebration .

Originated from the tightly controlled communist China 31 years ago, along with 24 years' unimaginable persecution even with the horrific organ harvesting, the Falun Dafa community has endured, preserved and flourished peacefully. At the same time, Canadian Falun Dafa practitioners are proud to build our communities across the country and call Canada home.

The fight for freedom and integrity continues, as community members courageously fend off intimidation, threat, and mis-information campaign by the long-arm operation of China's communist regime that has infiltrated many aspects of Canadian politics and social life.

Here in Canada, Falun Gong volunteers have taught [free meditation exercises](#) that has helped thousands of Canadians improve their mental, moral and physical wellbeing, contributing to a more healthy and harmonious society.

We are genuinely grateful for the freedom, diversity and compassionate support received across the society. Year to year, the Falun Dafa communities have garnered worldwide recognition, including greetings and proclamations.

By sending a proclamation and hosting a flag raising event to mark the 31st Falun Dafa Day, you help affirm Canada's commitment to the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, and to the upholding of human rights and freedom of conscience.

For proclamation messages, it will be greatly appreciated if you could send it to us by May 10th, 2023. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

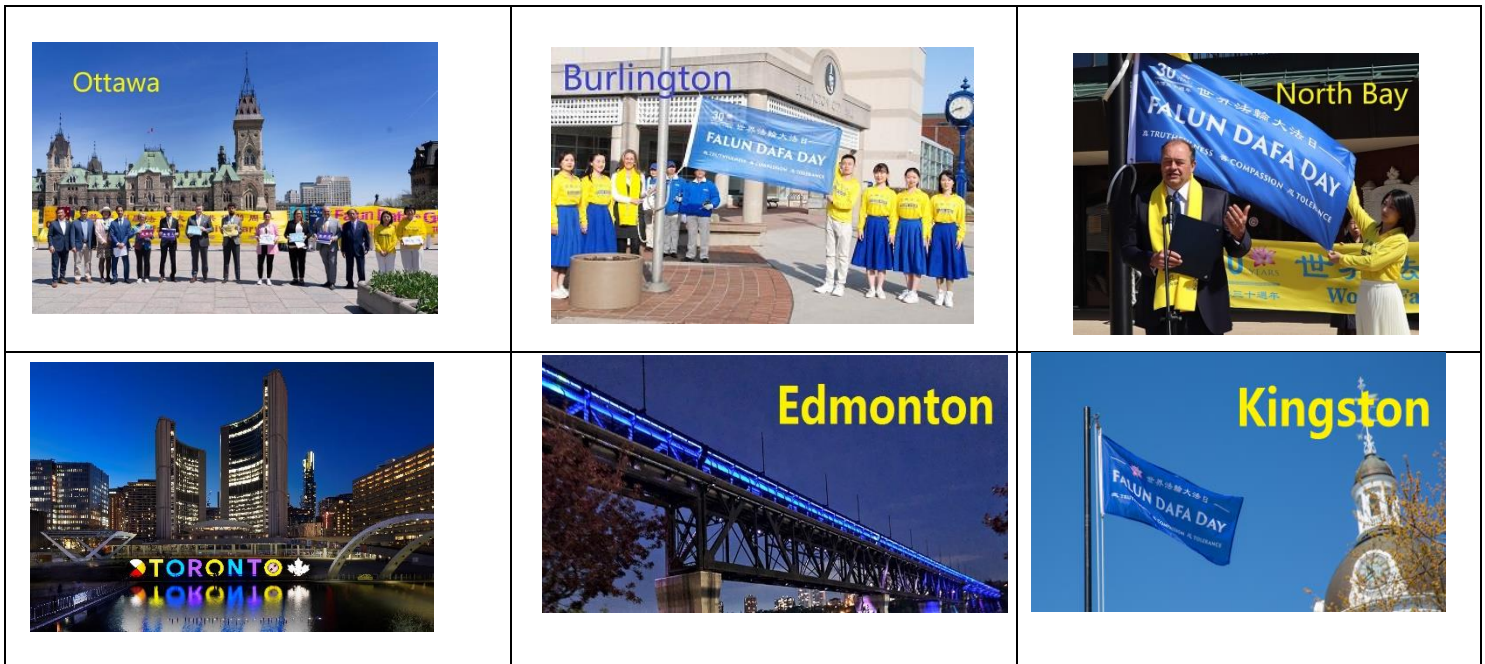
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23 Flag Raising and Light-up Ceremony Hosting Cities in 2022:

ON : Toronto; Kingston; Burlington; Milton; Cornwall; North Bay; Orangeville; St. Catharine; Orillia; Brighton, Brock, Quinte West, Scugog, Amherstburg, Belleville more

AB: Edmonton; Red Deer; SK: Regina; Saskatoon; BC: Port Moody; Nanaimo; New Westminster;



Greetings for Falun Dafa Month Celebration 2022(excerpt from 110 greetings issued by representatives of three levels of government):

“Falun Dafa traditions encourage practitioners to improve their mental and physical well-being, while being rooted in the honourable values of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance; I would like to thank the many Falun Dafa practitioners who took these values to heart during the pandemic. I am grateful for the efforts you made within your communities to encourage and uplift your neighbors during these hard times. ” –**Hon. Candice Bergen, Leader of the Conservative Party, greetings 2022**

“Falun Dafa is the spiritual discipline based on truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance. This week on Parliament Hill I had the pleasure of joining a special group of individuals who celebrated the 30th year Anniversary of Falun Dafa.” - **MP Judy Sgro, co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, tweet and Rally speech 2022**

“I would like to thank the Falun Dafa communities for your work to preserving the traditional Chinese culture which continues to enrich Canada’s Multicultural landscape, Falun Dafa communities have been integral in bringing Communist party’s atrocities to light, practitioners are on the front lines of holding the government to account ”
- **MP Garnett Genuis, , co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Video Greeting 2022**

“The universal values of Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance, which are at the heart of Falun Dafa, are also ideals for Canada. I appreciate your contribution to bring these values to life in Canada for a more healthy, peaceful, tolerance and compassionate society.” –**Hon. Pierre Poilievre , MP, Greeting Letter 2022 Falun Dafa Day**



“Communities rooted in spirituality have played an important role in building the social fabric of our province. Many of the values that we cherish today —compassion, generosity, and justice— are anchored in spiritual traditions. Inherent among those who practice is the courage to continuously seek positive transformation in one’s own life and society.”-***Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Letter of Greetings, 2022 Falun Dafa Day***

“We live in a time of much division and conflict, and the values of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance that are espoused by Falun Dafa are timely, indeed. New Canadians who have fled persecution due to their practice of Falun Gong have demonstrated exceptional resilience in the face of great hardship.”-***Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty of the Province of Saskatchewan, Letter of Greetings, 2022 Falun Dafa Day***

“I would like to extend a big thank you to the Falun Dafa community in Fredericton, for their dedication to promoting a more harmonious and healthy society. Thank you for your continuous efforts to encouraging tolerance and compassion and building a better world for all of us.” – ***Her Worship Kate Rogers, Fredericton, Letter of Greetings, 2022 Falun Dafa Day***

2022 a few other major Municipal Proclamation/Greetings of Falun Dafa Day for your information.

Ottawa, Calgary, Fredericton, Winnipeg, Victoria, Hamilton, Oshawa, Vaughan, London, etc;

About Falun Dafa:

[Falun Dafa](#) (also known as Falun Gong) is a spiritual practice rooted in the ancient schools of cultivation in China. It consists of meditative exercises, and a moral philosophy aimed at the promotion of virtue. At the core of Falun Dafa’s teachings are the tenets of “Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.” Practitioners of Falun Dafa aim to live in accord with these principles, taking them as a guide for daily life and practice.

Since Falun Dafa’s public introduction in 1992, hundreds of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries, including Canada, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the [free teachings](#) help people improve their mental, moral, and physical wellbeing and contribute to a more healthy and peaceful society.

On 20 July, 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a campaign to eradicate Falun Gong. For the past 21 years, major human rights organizations, the United Nations, the U.S. government, and NGOs, etc. have extensively documented the nation-wide campaign of hatred, mass imprisonment, forced slave labours, torture, and killings of people who practice Falun Gong in China.

Millions of Falun Gong practitioners and their families have been torn apart. Countless practitioners have been killed for their vital organs that are being sold by the state. International legal experts say that crimes against humanity, and possibly genocide, have occurred. Practitioners and supporters in Canada continue to experience various kinds of intimidation and harassment and vilification by the CCP.

The Falun Dafa community, both within China and abroad, have endured these two decades of unimaginable adversity with resolute non-violence and persistence to uphold freedom and the universal values. This has garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments and officials.



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