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*A Message from the Premier of British Columbia*

On behalf of the province of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations to the Vietnamese Canadian Federation (VCF) as they recently celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnamese community in Canada, and began a new project, the *Vietnamese Boat People Museum*.

The stories of Vietnamese Canadians, their experiences in Vietnam, their flight to Canada, and their resettlement in our nation, are important and worth commemorating in this new museum. Canada is a different place because of the contributions made by Vietnamese refugees and we will all benefit as those stories are shared and international history is remembered.

Canada is truly a multicultural nation, bringing together many peoples from diverse backgrounds. Organizations such as the VCF enrich the lives of all citizens through their commitment to building the Vietnamese community, preserving and sharing Vietnamese culture and fostering a spirit of mutual responsibility.

On behalf of the people of British Columbia, I hope the *Vietnamese Boat People Museum* is a meaningful and successful endeavour for the VCF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gordon Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gordon" and last name "Campbell" clearly distinguishable.

Gordon Campbell  
Premier