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## Greetings from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all those celebrating Thai Pongal, a magnificent festival that unites Tamils from all over the world. On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, I would like to thank you for your unwavering devotion to Canada – the open and diverse country we are all very proud to call our home.

Thai Pongal is a special time of the year for many Canadian Tamils as it is the perfect occasion to celebrate and give thanks to God and to the Sun for a generous harvest. It is also an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize the tremendous contributions of the Tamil community and share in the joyous spirit of this great festival. We are all privileged to live in a country where we can discover the diverse traditions of our fellow Canadians and join them in their celebrations. As Prime Minister Harper noted: “Canada has been immeasurably enriched by such a broad array of ethno-cultural traditions. Each community is part of the cultural diversity that is one of Canada’s greatest strengths in this globalized world.”

As Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my best wishes for a happy Thai Pongal festival and to thank Canadian Tamils for their enduring contributions to the success of our pluralism.

All Canadians join me in wishing you  
Peace!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Kenney'.

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP  
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

