



MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE BEN STEWART



As Minister responsible for Multiculturalism, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to the organizers, staff and the countless volunteers who help make the Vancouver International Soccer Festival a success. This is an event that truly displays harmony in our community.

The weekend soccer festival will be especially exciting this year as billions of soccer fans will be caught up in the fervour of the FIFA World Cup of Soccer in South Africa. I can't think of a better way to celebrate diversity and harmony in B.C. than through a sport that has been dubbed "the beautiful game."

We can enjoy this festive time with great enthusiasm here in British Columbia where the traditions of many diverse cultures are shared every day while we work, live and play. I would like to pass along my greetings and I wish you all the best for a successful event while you tirelessly aim to promote global peace and social change through soccer.

Sincerely,

Honourable Ben Stewart
Minister of Citizens' Services and
Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and
the Public Affairs Bureau