

EMBASSY OF LEBANON OTTAWA AMBASSADE DU LIBAN

November 22, 2012

It is an honour and privilege for me to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending "Raising the Lebanese Flag" at Queen's Park, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Lebanon.

On the same day the Lebanese Flag will be raised at the City Hall of Ottawa, marking the extent and the depth of relations between the two countries. This relationship has continued to strengthen over the years through significant contributions from the Lebanese community in Canada.

Thousands of our Lebanese community are well established and integrated into Canadian society. The policy of multiculturalism and Canadian laws have protected and encouraged the Lebanese immigrants and opened their horizons to a prosperous new life, and thus the Lebanese community can represent a successful model, very active in all aspects of life, political, business, social and cultural aspects.

We want this celebration to become an annual tradition because it represents a gesture of appreciation and gratitude from our community to the country that embraced and supported. And I hope that our community remains united, prosperous and raise the name and flag of Lebanon everywhere with dignity and pride.

Our sincere thanks to the World Lebanese Cultural Union, Toronto Chapter, for organizing this event, and for their permanent care and concern to the Lebanese community.

Long Live Canada! Long live Lebanon! May God Bless you all!!

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