



## **A MESSAGE *from* PREMIER DAVID EBY**

As Premier of British Columbia, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to the readers of *Japan Canada Today* on New Year's Day 2025.

The beginning of a new year offers us the opportunity to reflect on the journey we have shared and look forward to the possibilities that lie ahead. This past year has been a time of both challenge and progress. We have faced obstacles together and reached great milestones. Our government will continue to take meaningful action on the issues that matter most to the people of British Columbia – strengthening health care, tackling the housing crisis, addressing climate change and making our communities safer. Working together, we will build a more prosperous, inclusive and sustainable future for all British Columbians.

The new year is also a time to gather with family and friends to celebrate the connections that matter most. BC is proud of our rich cultural diversity – the unique backgrounds, traditions and perspectives of each community make this a stronger and more vibrant place to live.

Thank you to the team at *Japan Canada Today* for the work they do for our province's Japanese speaking community. Publications like this are important resources that ensure people from all backgrounds remain engaged, informed and connected.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and successful new year filled with joy and opportunity!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Eby".

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**Honourable David Eby, KC**  
*Premier of British Columbia*