



**Greetings from Geng Tan**

**M.P., Don Valley North**

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### **MESSAGE FROM M.P. GENG TAN, Ph.D.**

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending this **2nd Chinese Alumni Gala**.

I salute the efforts of the **Tsinghua Alumni Association of South Ontario** and others who are responsible for this event. Improving Canada's standing as a destination of choice for international students is a priority for the federal government. International students enrich the academic environment and intercultural competencies of domestic students. They also contribute an estimated \$11.4 billion a year in economic activity in Canada.

Canada has a well-earned reputation as a welcoming, respectful and compassionate country. This Gala serves as an excellent opportunity to also reflect on how international students, intercultural learning, and international exchanges contribute to campus diversity in Canada. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable 2nd Chinese Alumni Gala. Happy New Year of the dog.

**Sincerely,**

**Geng Tan, Ph.D.**  
**Member of Parliament for Don Valley North**

