



### *A Message from the Premier*

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, it gives me great pleasure to join with the British Columbia Muslim Association (BCMA) Women's Council in welcoming everyone to the annual Leadership Forum, here at the Royal King Palace Convention Centre.

The BCMA Women's Council does so much for the community by providing a variety of resources that address the specific needs of women and girls. From assisting new immigrants settling in our province and encouraging their participation in all levels of government, to promoting anti-bullying awareness and providing support to the homeless through outreach programs, the Council works so hard to serve and empower women of all ages. The services they provide are invaluable and make a great difference in the lives of so many women and girls, and, in turn, their families and the greater community.

Today's Forum provides a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved with the BCMA Women's Council to come together, share experiences, collaborate and rejuvenate. I have no doubt that with the diverse group of speakers and panelists, everyone here will leave feeling inspired.

Please accept my best wishes for an informative and productive annual Leadership Forum and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christy Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Christy Clark  
Premier

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