



June 27th was first observed as Canadian Multiculturalism Day in 2003 – a day marked to celebrate and reflect upon the wealth of diversity that enriches Canadian society. This day is followed by Canada Day on July 1st, Canada’s birthday.

These are important dates for Canada, and provides Canadians with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of diversity and multiculturalism. These values strengthen and shape the Canadian identity. Together, Canadians celebrate multiculturalism and the important role it plays in building a diverse, strong, and vibrant society.

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today issued the following statement on Canadian Multiculturalism Day 2021:

“Today, we celebrate a pillar of our national character, and recognize the many contributions that people of all backgrounds have made, and continue to make, to our society.

Canada’s commitment to multiculturalism is an example to the world, and at the heart of our success as a country. For generations, Canadians have known we are stronger when we recognize and honour our differences and diverse roots, and work together to build a more inclusive future for all.

This year, we mark an important anniversary. Fifty years ago this fall, Canada became the first country in the world to adopt a policy of multiculturalism, which was later enshrined in law through the Canadian Multiculturalism Act. While we have made important progress toward a more inclusive and equitable society since then, much work remains to be done. Every day, far too many racialized Canadians, Indigenous peoples, and religious minorities continue to face systemic racism, discrimination, and a lack of resources and opportunity.

This is unacceptable and must change. That is why the Government of Canada must and will continue to take meaningful action to right past wrongs, fight racism and discrimination, and foster a fairer, more equitable society. . .

As individuals, we all have a role to play in building a more inclusive and resilient country. The values of openness, compassion, and respect have the power to bring us together, but they are only meaningful if we embody them. When we choose to put them into practice, we choose to shape a better tomorrow for everyone.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I invite Canadians to celebrate Canadian Multiculturalism Day and recognize the invaluable contributions that Canadians of all

backgrounds continue to make to our country. Together, we can make Canada a stronger, more welcoming, and inclusive place.”

The EDI Committee would like to wish everyone a safe and
Happy Canadian Multiculturalism Day!

