



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm wishes to everyone attending the Ontario Council on Community Interpreting's (OCCI) Accredited Community Interpreter Official Launch Event. This is indeed a major milestone in the professionalization of community interpreting in Canada.

The work of interpreters and its allied professions are of vital importance to our province, one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse societies in the world. Collectively, you have worked for the integration and success of the newcomers who have chosen to live and work in Ontario.

My colleagues in government and I believe in a fair Ontario, where everyone has equitable access to programs and services regardless of language. I commend OCCI for its commitment to professionalizing the community interpreting field, improving working standards for the many newcomers who work in the field, and for working to improve services provided to immigrants and refugees.

I believe that when newcomers succeed, Ontario succeeds. Let us continue to work together to ensure the full participation of every citizen.

Please accept my best wishes for much future success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen Wynne'.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier