

I am delighted to send my warmest greetings to the participants of the Entrepreneurial Leaders Conference.

Our evolution as a nation depends upon the vision and determination of Canada's foremost entrepreneurs. Throughout our shared history, the projects and companies launched by innovative and socially responsible leaders have been beacons of hope during tough times and have guided us on the road to prosperity.

I am encouraged to see this spirit of creativity and ingenuity thriving in Canada, as demonstrated by the calibre of those taking part in this conference. You are actively adapting to changing times and helping those in need. You are bringing original ideas to the forefront, but are confident enough to know when the time is right to seek support from those around you. You have the ability to strike a balance between organizational success and the betterment of the community and the country. These are all characteristics of great leaders.

I have every confidence that you will leave this conference with new ways of thinking and with an even brighter vision for Canada. I wish all of you the very best.

David Johnston

November 2012