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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER**

It gives me great pleasure to send my best wishes to the Tibetan community of Victoria as you celebrate the 74<sup>th</sup> birthday of His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama and the launch of the Chinese Tibetan Friendship Association of Melbourne.

Victoria's success as a multicultural society is recognised around the world. A large part of the success is due to the open, welcoming, and accepting nature of our community, and the many groups that work tirelessly to build relationships of trust and understanding.

The Victorian Government actively encourages our diverse communities to nurture and maintain their culture and traditions while sharing it with the wider community in the spirit of mutual respect and harmony. By doing so, we believe that we enrich the lives of all Victorians.

I congratulate your community for hosting this auspicious celebration and for its initiative to strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding in our community.

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I wish everyone attending a wonderful and memorable time.

**HON JOHN BRUMBY MP**  
Premier of Victoria