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تورونتو، كندا

The Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Health
Mr. Mohammad Daaboul President of the Syrian- Canadian Businessmen Association.
Honourable Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our special guests, and to all our members, their families and friends for attending special occasion it is a true honour to have you all.

Our hopes that this visit will promote and enhance the existing opportunities for Canadian and Syrian businessmen, and improve the climate for investment in both countries.

Syria presents significant opportunities to Canadian companies interested in technology and knowledge transfers related to many industries in Syria

Meetings like this will open two way commercial, manufacturing and industrial relations between the two countries and establishes long term cooperation that will benefit all parties.

The Syrian- Canadian Businessmen Association was established by Syrian Canadian businessmen, their goal to achieve the best for both countries, Canada and Syria

We took this opportunity to celebrate with you fifth anniversary of The Syrian Community Centre of Canada,

The Syrian Community Centre of Canada, is a not-for-profit, non-political, social and humanitarian organization for Canadian Syrians or individuals of Syrian origin residing in Canada, dedicated to the preservation of their culture, heritage, traditions and language.

I can honestly say that we are all truly proud of being Canadian. However, as proud as we are of Canada, we are also proud of Syria the home of our forefathers. our identification is with both. Here we have two countries with completely different histories but both striving for the retention of their heritages and self development. They are unique but similar in their agendas of independence and contributions to mankind. Just as Canada offers its natural beauty, scientific and technological creations and tolerance in the society, so does Syria but with the addition of other venues. As Syria evolves into the 21st century, it offers much to the outside world.

Canada, a vibrant and a welcoming country to people from all over the world and considered the best country in the world in which to live; and Syria, a land steeped with history, now quickly finding its notch in the modern age. I believe that our future looks bright indeed.

Many thanks to all our members and volunteers for all their efforts to make this event a success
To the Board of Directors of The Syrian Community Centre of Canada, and to all of you for making this event a successful one.