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To all attendants and employers,

I would like to extend the warmest welcome to all the participants of In-TAC's 4th Virtual Career Expo. I am beyond delighted that you have taken an interest in pursuing your career aspirations in Canada, and I wish you every success, not only at the Expo today, but in all your endeavours.

As the NDP Critic for Multiculturalism, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Member of Parliament for Vancouver East, one of the most culturally rich communities in Canada, I am keenly aware of the contributions of immigrants to Canada's economy and multicultural mosaic. They bring into their workplaces valuable skills along with knowledge and experience. I have met many newcomers with diverse educational experience and backgrounds, ranging from medicine to engineering, fine arts to scientific research, hospitality to business entrepreneurs.

While many newcomers are rich in skills and experience, often they are held back because they lack local networks and connections. At the same time, local employers express frustration at the difficulty in finding qualified candidates to fill their positions. For this reason, virtual career expos such as this one are an innovative opportunity for both employers and job seekers to put faces to their job postings and resumes, and find those mutually beneficial connections even before they arrive. Once again, I wish all attendees and employers at the expo every success.

Lastly, I want to give an especially warm acknowledgement and thank you to all the speakers, volunteers and staff who have worked behind the scenes to make this virtual career expo possible.

Best of luck, and once again, thank you for your interest in Canada.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Kwan'.

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