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It is a privilege to send greetings and welcome the Shen Yun Performing Arts Production as it visits Edmonton this year. Congratulations on the continuation of this iconic artistic production.

Shen Yun celebrates the unique and detailed culture of China before communism. China is home to over five millennia of rich history, in-depth traditions, and a unique artistic impact.

Communist revisionism has attempted to remove much of China's past over the last century. Productions like Shen Yun, however, push back against this attempted erasure by proudly displaying classical Chinese heritage through the performing arts.

Shen Yun is linked closely to Falun Dafa – whose adherents have been subject to a brutal campaign of extermination by the Chinese Communist Party for the past 24 years. Despite Chinese Communist Party oppression, Falun Dafa transcends cultural and national boundaries, bringing peace of mind to millions across the world.

We are fortunate to live in a country where we are free to celebrate diverse ideas and cultures. Once more, I wish all the best for this year's Shen Yun performance.

Sincerely,

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