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## A Message from Mayor Mel Lastman

I am delighted to send greetings on behalf of Toronto City Council and the more than 2.3 million people of our great City, to everyone attending the Kalatheepam99.

As the most culturally diverse City in the world, Toronto is home to people from 169 lands speaking more than 100 languages. Throughout Toronto's history our people have learned from each other by sharing their rich and varied traditions and heritage and celebrating their differences. This desire from the people of Toronto to share their cultural legacies, contributes to the growth and prosperity of this truly unique and vibrant City.

Congratulations to the Velanai Madya Maha Vidyalayam Old Students' Association - Canada for organizing this event. To all those attending, please accept our best wishes for a most enjoyable day.

Cordially,



Mel Lastman  
Mayor

October 9, 1999