January, 2008

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that nominations for the Newcomer Champion Awards are now being accepted.

Established in 2007, the Newcomer Champion Awards recognize outstanding individuals or groups who contribute to the understanding and sharing of Ontario’s cultural diversity and provide welcoming communities for the benefit of newcomers.

Any resident of Ontario may submit a nomination. Nominees may be individuals or groups who have demonstrated leadership and commitment in promoting cultural diversity and harmony through activities such as educational outreach, special events and the support of newcomers settling into communities across the province.

Nomination forms and more information are available on the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration website at http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca and click on Honours and Awards, or by phone at 416-314-7526. The nomination deadline is March 14, 2008.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider a deserving champion in your community for a Newcomer Champion Award nomination.

Yours truly,

Michael Chan
Minister