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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that we recently launched the **Newcomer Champion Award** and nominations for this program are now being accepted. The Newcomer Champion Award recognizes individuals and groups who celebrate and promote cultural heritage, foster an understanding of Ontario's cultural diversity and assist newcomers to successfully settle and integrate in their community and province.

Award recipients are champions of voluntarism, supporters of newcomers and advocates of greater social and civic inclusion.

Nominations are accepted in the following three categories:

1. *Celebrating Inclusion and Diversity*: Recognizes outstanding nominees who embrace inclusion and celebrate the rich dimensions of Ontario's diversity.
2. *Promoting Cultural Heritage*: Recognizes a nominee's contributions within a community to preserve the legacy and tradition of an ethnic group's cultural heritage.
3. *Integration of Immigrants*: Recognizes nominees whose actions helped to welcome and integrate newcomers into communities across Ontario.

Nomination forms and more information are available on my ministry's website at [www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards](http://www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards), or by phone at 416 314-7526, toll free 1 877 832-8622 or TTY 416 327-2391. **The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2014.** (Since this date falls on a weekend, nominations will be accepted the next business day.)

Ontario is dedicated to building a province where inclusive and diverse communities are celebrated, newcomers are valued and people work together to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Please consider recognizing an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to our great province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Coteau".

Hon. Michael Coteau  
Minister