

April 6, 2013 – Times of India Film Awards

BC Place

Length of Speech: less than 1 minute

Audience: who are they?

- Media
- Millions of film fans in India
- TOIFA representatives
- Indo-Canadian community representatives
- Film industry

KEY MESSAGES:

- It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you all to BC Place.
- To everyone who travelled from halfway across the world – I hope you all feel at home here in British Columbia.
- It's been a great week, and I want to thank you for thrilling your thousands of Canadian fans, who don't get many chances to see you in person.
- I hope you all get a chance to see a little more of B.C. – that video was just a peek into what's in store for you.
- Let's use this wonderful celebration of Indian film to continue to build bridges between us. More trade opportunities. More tourism. And most definitely, more of your movies filmed right here in Beautiful British Columbia.
- Congratulations to all those nominated. It's going to be a great night. And as we say in Canada – we'll see you later.

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School Seismic Mitigation Program

Monday, Apr. 8, 2013

Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Announcing more than \$584 million to seismically upgrade 45 high-risk schools, marking a significant milestone in government's commitment to student safety.

Audience: who are they?

- Media HAS been invited
- Students and staff

Values:

- Balanced Budget, not leaving kids with debt (Burnaby story)
- Helping families by making life more affordable
- Growing the size of the economy

KEY MESSAGES:

1. We made a promise to keep our children safe by making sure all public school buildings can withstand a major earthquake.
2. We've made incredible progress and today we're pleased to announce \$584 million to move forward with another 45 high-priority seismic projects.
3. With this investment of more than half-a-billion dollars, we're now two-thirds of the way to fulfilling our goal to seismically upgrade all high-risk schools in B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Nerissa Kassis, grade 7 student. (Introduced PCC,
presents “Tenny the Tiger” Award

MC Hon. Don McRae, Minister of Education

Patti Bacchus

Jacquie Lavoie, Principal, Lord Tennyson Elementary

Valerie Carriere, Vice Principal, Lord Tennyson
Elementary

Andy Mill, P.Eng, Structural Engineering, Association of
Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC

- As parents, we place a lot of trust in our schools and our education system.
- When we drop off our kids each morning – we want them to have the best education, the best teachers, the best administration...
- But as a mom, I also know you think about what would happen in an emergency. We expect our kids will be safe in case the worst ever happens.
- As we watched the aftermath in Japan, New Zealand and closer to home in Haida Gwaii – we are reminded that we live in an active earthquake zone.

- In B.C., there are 37 school districts located in high seismic zones. We need to make sure students and staff can exit a school building safely.
- This is our job. To do as much as we can to protect our kids, and make sure they come home safe.
- That's why student safety is a top priority for my government – whether that means safe from bullies or safe in the event of an emergency.
- Today, I'm pleased to announce our continued support of the Seismic Mitigation Program by committing more than \$584 million to address 45 high-priority schools in BC.
- This means that 213 schools – or two-thirds of the high-risk schools in BC – have either been completed, are under construction, proceeding to construction, or have been supported under the program.

- This also means that we will be supporting more than 3,700 good-paying jobs.
- B.C. is a leading jurisdiction on seismic research and seismic safety with experts from around the world coming here to learn from our work.
- Since 2001, our government has spent or committed \$2.2 billion toward student safety, and we will continue to work with all districts to address the remaining high-risk schools.
- Projects like this are possible now and in the future because we have a growing economy, and we're paying for it responsibly.
- We're building supports without spending more than we can afford. We're balancing our budget and that means we are not asking our children to pay later.
- There's more to do. But today is a significant step toward seismically upgrading all high-risk schools in B.C.

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Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research

Thursday, Apr. 11, 2013

Speech length: 2-3 minutes

Event: what is it?

- 22nd Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research.
- *Innovations to Address Complex Challenges* is the theme of this year's conference. Over 70,000 Canadians are living with HIV, and many more are at risk of being infected. Innovative solutions are urgently needed to address the multifaceted challenges associated with caring for those infected and preventing new infections.

Audience: who are they?

- 200-300 conference delegates from across Canada
- Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS
- Jonathan Angel, CAHR president (TBC)

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Over the past 30 years, we have turned around a disease that was once an imminent death sentence into a long-term manageable condition.
2. BC is the only province in Canada showing a consistent decline of new HIV diagnoses, which will continue as a result of the expansion of the STOP HIV/AIDS initiative.
3. This conference is a forum to share ideas, research and strategies to help us get closer to our goal of curing HIV/AIDS in our lifetime.

- Thank you all for coming to this conference and sharing your ideas, research and strategies. Each of these stepping-stones gets us closer to our goal of curing HIV/AIDS in our lifetime.
- Over the past 30 years, we have turned around a disease that was once an imminent death sentence into a long-term manageable condition.
- That leading edge work is led by researchers like Julio Montaner, right here in our province.
- Pioneering work that lead to treatment protocols such as the HAART drug cocktail.
- And new ideas such as the STOP HIV/AIDS program here in BC – A program so successful it's endorsed by the World Health Organization. We plan to replicate this program's success as we target viral hepatitis.

- There's more work to do. We need a global community of doctors and researchers to take on this challenge to help fight and conquer HIV/AIDS
- We need a global community of passionate and committed professionals who will make the leaps and connections between seemingly impossible ideas.
- We need each and every one of you here today.
- Thank you for all you've done, and all I know you will do.

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HIV/AIDS Factsheet

Julio Montaner

- Dr. Julio Montaner is the director of the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, the chair in AIDS Research and Head of Division of AIDS in the Faculty of Medicine at UBC, and the past-president of the International AIDS Society (IAS).
- The landmark drug cocktail Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART), pioneered by Dr. Montaner and his team in the early 1990s, can reduce the amount of virus in the blood and bodily fluids to undetectable levels, greatly reducing HIV transmission. HIV medications are free of charge to all B.C. residents living with HIV, and HAART has been adopted in Canada and around the world as the gold standard of treatment.

What BC is doing

- The BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS is Canada's largest HIV/AIDS research, treatment and education facility and is internationally recognized as an innovative world leader in combating HIV/AIDS and related diseases.
- In Nov. 2012, the BC government announced \$19.9 million in annual funding for the provincial expansion of a successful pilot program that reduces HIV transmission by ensuring those living with HIV have access to the best care and treatment.
- Beginning April 1, 2013, the Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention of HIV/AIDS (STOP HIV/AIDS) program will allow health professionals and community partners to better engage the broader community and specific at-risk groups in HIV testing, reach more people with HIV/AIDS, and enable more people to be treated.
- We are the only province in Canada showing a consistent decline of new HIV diagnoses, which will continue as a result of the expansion of the STOP HIV/AIDS initiative to the rest of the province.
- In 2011, the UNAIDS estimated 34.2 million people worldwide living with HIV/AIDS, with 2.5 million new HIV infections per year and 1.7 million annual deaths due to AIDS.
- An estimated 13,000 British Columbians are HIV infected, with close to 350 new cases reported each year. As well, more than 3,200 cases of AIDS have been reported in the province, and a third of these individuals currently live with the disease.
- In British Columbia, HIV/AIDS-related morbidity and mortality have decreased by over 90% since 1996, as a result of the use of HAART. Over the same period, new HIV infections per year in British Columbia decreased by two-thirds, from 900 in the mid-1990s to 289 in 2011.

Business Council of BC AGM Dinner

May 28, 2013

Crystal Pavilion, Pan Pacific Hotel

Thank you.

British Columbians gave my government a clear mandate.

They voted for a strong economy.

They voted for a better future for their kids.

They voted for strong leadership --

- Discipline to control spending,
- To live within our means while providing for each other.

They voted for a bold vision --

- jobs for families
- putting us on a path to a debt-free BC
- most of all, they voted for hope.

To accomplish this, B.C. needs a thriving private sector.

B.C. needs the jobs you create...

the investment you attract...

and yes, the revenue you generate.

So let me thank you in advance.

For everything I know you do and will continue to do to
make sure B.C. is working...

...competitive and prosperous.

This summer, we will call back the legislature.

We will pass balanced budget 2013.

We will seize the opportunity of our province's vast supply
of natural gas –

Both here at home, and by securing markets overseas.

We will fight for every opportunity for economic
development...

And make sure British Columbians are first in line for the jobs that will come.

These are just some of our first priorities.

That's what British Columbians expect of us.

To make sure British Columbia lives up to its full potential...

As a leader...

As the economic engine of our country.

Together, we will do this.

Thank you.

YMCA Women of Distinction Awards
Tuesday, May 28
Speech Length 4-5 minutes

Event: Banquet for the YWCA's Women of Distinction Award ceremony

Audience: 83 Award nominees and 1,000 guests

Media HAS been invited

Elected officials in attendance:

- Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Ball, City of Vancouver
- Councillor Andrea Reimer, City of Vancouver
- Acting Mayor Terry O'Neill, City of Coquitlam
- Mayor Dianne Watts, City of Surrey
- Councillor Barinder Rasode, City of Surrey
- Councillor Mary Martin, City of Surrey
- Councillor Linda Hepner, City of Surrey
- Councillor Barbara Steele, City of Surrey
- Richmond East MLA Linda Reid

Notes:

- Upon arrival YWCA Events Staff will escort Premier into the ball room where she will be seated at the head table with Janet Austin.
- After Sophie Lui finishes introducing Nominees, Premier speaks for 4-5 minutes.
- After speech, Chantelle Krish will be standing by to escort Premier out.
- Premier Christy Clark was honoured a WOD Award for Community Building in 2009, recognizing her leadership in launching Anti-Bullying Day in BC

It's a privilege to be among you.

Some of B.C.'s most inspiring and influential leaders.

Your efforts have all made B.C. a better place.

So thank you.

For many of us, we stand at the crossroads of work life
and home life...

...of work deadlines and hockey practices.

And like myself, I know that each of you has a woman who
you look to.

That you learned from.

As you recognize the women who helped get you where
you are,

I encourage all of you, nominees and winners alike...

...to become mentors.

Because we need more women's voices and perspectives in business and in politics.

Like many of you, I learned a lot from my parents.

My parents, like yours...wanted to leave me better off.

Not a debt to pay.

Government should be the same.

Government should provide support when you need it...
...and get out of your way when you don't.

We're going to do this by growing the economy...

- creating jobs...
- attracting investment.
- And we will do it by controlling spending and eliminating our debt.

It's the clearest way to act on our shared values:

- Caring for those who cared for us.
- Making sure the next generation can do better
- Leaving this place better than we found it.

The only way to live up to these values is taking responsibility for decisions we make today.

We are not wasting one minute.

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Both here at home, and by securing markets overseas.

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And make sure British Columbians are first in line for the jobs that will come.

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It won't be easy. Real leadership means making tough decisions.

That's what you expect of us and this is what you deserve.

Thank you.

**Federation of Canadian Municipalities
May 31, 2013**

Thank you.

Let me start with a huge thank you.
For all that you do for your communities.

Wherever we lay on the political spectrum...
we run for office because we want to make our
communities better.

We strive to create opportunities for our kids to stay in the
places they grew up in.

This is what inspires me.
I know it's what inspires you.

It's what builds a strong society,
a strong economy,
a strong province
and a strong Canada.

It starts with you.
With your leadership.

With your vision to drive your community forward.

I recognize how important this is. You can see the breadth of local expertise reflected in my government.

Of our 25 newly-elected Liberal MLAs, 15 served in municipal government.

They have the pulse of their communities.

They succeeded in growing local economies.

- acknowledge MLAs present

It's our role to work with you.

To collaborate, to seize opportunities – and to say Yes to growing your communities.

To ensure that communities have the services that matter.
To ensure the investments we make build cleaner, safer and more productive communities.

That's why I'm committed to working with UBCM on projects that matter to your communities.

We have to do this within a budget.

We cannot spend a penny more than taxpayers entrust us with.

Whether federal, provincial, or municipal – we cannot let future generations pay for our decisions.

We need to do that while addressing the infrastructure challenges facing local governments across B.C. and Canada.

The federal government has done its part.
Sustaining infrastructure programs through tough economic times.

Our challenge is to build better economic times.

The best way to address this challenge is for all levels of government to work together to grow our economy.

Let's focus on baking a bigger pie – not argue over how to split it.

Because then we can seize the benefits and provide families more and better services.

Here in B.C., we strive to be nation builders. We are helping build a strong Canada.

We are the gateway to Asia – connecting Canada to one of the fastest growing markets in the world.

Through the Pacific Gateway Alliance, \$22 billion has been committed to expand our port, rail, road and airports

Another \$25 billion has been committed by 2020.
So we can provide Canada the competitive advantage to get our goods to market...
so every community can prosper.

We're seizing a transformative opportunity with our vast supply of natural gas by exporting it to Asia.

Natural gas development can stimulate a trillion dollars in new economic activity...
create 100,000 new jobs...
And generate up to \$100 billion over 30 years...
which we will use to create the B.C. Prosperity Fund.

We are working with communities and there will be challenges ahead – but we will meet them.

We have a plan to punch above our weight in Canada.
To be our nation's economic engine.

We look forward to working with you to make that happen.

Let's build a prosperous future together.

Thank you.