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The new year has already given us so much to celebrate! From Tamil Heritage Month and Thai Pongal to Lunar New Year and Black History Month, Purim and Holi, these events are a powerful reminder of the incredible contributions Canadians from all backgrounds make every single day— and of what makes Canada such a remarkable country.

Sharing our stories and traditions together is what makes Markham-Thornhill so special, and it is in these moments that I am reminded of how lucky I am to serve this riding. The warmth, resilience, and pride of this community is something truly extraordinary— and it is what makes our diversity our greatest strength.



Celebrating Lunar New Year on the Hill with some incredible constituents of Markham-Thornhill who made the journey to Ottawa to share in this very special occasion. Thank you for being part of this wonderful celebration. Wishing everyone a joyful and prosperous New Year!



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Dear friends and neighbours in Markham-Thornhill,

As the global economy shifts, Canada's new government is focused on what we can control: delivering real benefits for families and businesses right here in Markham-Thornhill.

The Prime Minister has made clear that middle powers like Canada are not powerless. In fact, by acting together, we can shape the outcomes we want.

Canada is leading the way by diversifying our trading partners beyond the U.S. and attracting major new investments to build an economy that is strong, secure, and sustainable.

Canada has what the world wants, and that is good news for jobs and economic growth in communities like ours across the country.

As your MP for Markham-Thornhill, I am committed to making sure our community thrives as we build the strongest, most prosperous Canada in generations.

Sincerely,

# EXPANDING CANADA'S TRADE PARTNERS

**Mexico** - The Canada-Mexico Action Plan increases our collaboration with Mexico on key areas such as developing new ports, infrastructure, and more trade opportunities on energy and critical minerals.

**Germany** - Increasing cooperation with Germany on critical mineral supply chains, electric vehicles and energy, notably discussing the deeper bilateral collaboration on the supply of LNG to German buyers.

**Poland** - Enhancing our economic partnership with Poland by focusing on energy, defence, aviation, and trade-related cooperation.

**Qatar** - Qatar and Canada have agreed to conclude negotiations on a Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement by summer 2026, which opens investment from an economy worth \$290 billion in Canadian sectors such as aerospace, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, and agri-food.

**UAE** - Prime Minister Carney secured a historic \$70 billion investment commitment from the United Arab Emirates, supporting jobs and long-term growth across Canada.

**China** - Unlocking nearly \$7 billion in export markets for Canadian workers and businesses by increasing two-way investment in clean energy and technology, electric vehicles, agri-food, wood products, and other sectors.

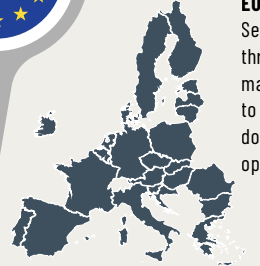
**Indonesia** - The new Canada-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) will reduce or remove tariffs on Canadian exports such as wheat, potash, wood, and soybeans - making them far more competitive in Indonesia, which is projected to become a top five global economy by 2050.

**India** - Canada is negotiating a CEPA which will help more than double two-way trade between Canada and India to \$70 billion by 2030 along with free trade negotiations.

*Please note that this is a stylized map for illustrative purposes, and is not an official map for reference.*



**MERCOSUR Pact** - Restarting trade negotiations with MERCOSUR, a market representing a GDP of more than \$4 trillion and 260 million consumers.



**EU/SAFE** - Canada's participation in Security Action for Europe (SAFE) through the Canada-EU SAFE agreement makes Canada the first non-EU member to participate, unlocking billions of dollars in potential defence export opportunities for Canadian businesses.



**ASEAN** - Canada is negotiating a free trade agreement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and is planning to conclude it in 2026.

**What do you feel is the most important issue facing our community?**

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