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### **A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER**

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to all those attending Uganda Reunion 2010.

This event is an ideal occasion for Ugandans of South Asian origin from around the world to celebrate their shared history and successes over the past 38 years. I wish to offer a very warm welcome to everyone who has made the journey to Ontario to take part in this historic event. I am certain that all in attendance will have many stories to share, while renewing old acquaintances and creating new friendships.

Wherever the talents, abilities and strengths of Ugandan Asians have taken them, they have prospered — and enriched their adopted homes. I would like take this opportunity to recognize the many invaluable contributions of Ontarians of Ugandan Asian origin to the social, cultural and economic life of our province. I would also like to thank the members of the organizing committee who, by virtue of their hard work and dedication, have made this gathering possible.

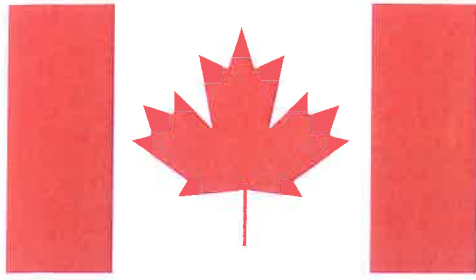
Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable reunion.

**Dalton McGuinty**  
Premier

# **Uganda Reunion 2010 - Toronto**

**Welcomes**

**H.E. The High Commissioner  
of Uganda**



## National Anthem of Canada

O CANADA  
O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada

Terre de nos nos aieux,  
Ton front est ceint  
de fleurons glorieux!  
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,  
Il sait porter la croix!  
Ton histoire est une épopée,  
Des plus plus brillants exploits.  
Et ta valour, de foi trempée,  
Protégera nos foyer et nos droits.  
Protégera nos foyer et nos droits.



## National Anthem of Uganda

OH UGANDA  
Oh Uganda May God uphold thee,  
We lay our future in thy hand  
United , free, for liberty  
Together we'll always stand.

Oh Uganda the land of freedom,  
Our love and labour we give,  
And with neighbours all,  
At our country's call  
in peace and friendship we'll live.

Oh Uganda! the land that feeds us,  
By sun and fertile soil grown,  
For our own dear land,  
We shall always stand,  
The pearl of Africa's Crown.



Pradyuman Joshi

MESSAGE FROM  
THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE UGANDA REUNION 2010 -TORONTO  
ONTARIO

It gives me great pleasure to be writing this message as president of the first Ugandan reunion being held in Toronto on May 22nd, 2010. I would like to welcome all of you to the two great events which have been planned so that all of us who have been chosen to attend will have the opportunity to meet old acquaintances, share common stories, and reminiscent about those golden days in Uganda Times.

Many of you have travelled many miles to be here and share in this momentous occasion. I would like to thank-you for taking the time and making the effort to be part of this reunion. An event of this magnitude requires the planning and commitment of many individuals. The planning committee has spent endless hours to ensure that this Reunion is one that you will truly remember. My thanks to the spouses and families of the members of the committee who welcomed us into their homes for many Sunday meetings and prepared delicious meals to nourish our souls so our brains were kept alert in order to plan well for this Reunion. Special thanks to all of our sponsors whose generous contributions allowed us to plan a memorable event. We are grateful to the many individuals who advertised in the booklet. Your financial commitment provided us with the opportunity to produce a memorable booklet. A very special acknowledgement to Dr. Sudhir Ruparelia, who at the onset, committed a financial donation providing us with the opportunity to plan an event, with all the trimmings, knowing that we had the financial support from a dedicated Ugandan, in that of Dr. Ruparelia.

For those of you who are not able to be with us, we hope that you will have the opportunity to browse through the booklet and allow you to walk down the memory lane.

Yours very truly,  
Pradyuman Joshi  
President, Uganda Reunion 2010 Toronto



Nancy Di Gregorio (Agard)

## EDITORS' MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to be writing the prelude to the Uganda reunion commemorative booklet. The past sixteen months has been a labour of love as we, as a group, worked diligently to not just organize the event but also to put together this souvenir booklet.

To the editorial committee of Ayub Dhukai, Kanan Jani, Pradyuman Joshi, Pravin Metha and Poomy Sagoo, the deepest thanks are extended for the many long hours of organizing, editing, wordsmithing and meetings.

Special thanks to Kanan Jani who, as the graphic designer, spent countless hours in formulating this piece of art.

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Our sincere thanks to Pravin Mehta for the endless hours he spent on ensuring that the seating arrangements were taken care of and for the handling of the souvenir gifts.

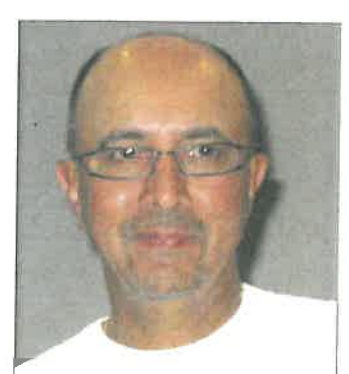
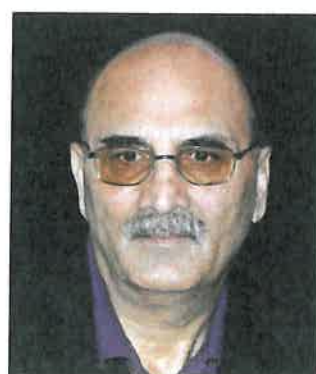
Thank you to Rashmi Mehta for all the work he put into the photography of all of the committee members.

A special note of thanks to Gita Allahadin, who although not a member of the committee, spent numerous hours at the computer and worked tirelessly at a variety of tasks.

It was in August, 1972 that an announcement was made with regards to the fate of Asians in Uganda. These headlines hit newspapers across the world. The international community responded to the plight of the Ugandan Asians. We scattered across the globe but we meet today since we felt the urge to come together because of the bond that we developed by drinking of the water of Lake Victoria. Ugandan Asians have thrived wherever they went. Our children have prospered our parents who may have struggled with the new culture adapted and we have taken whatever challenge was presented to us and made sure that we garnished all the energy to become great contributing members of the communities we belong to. The fact that we have all gathered in Toronto on May 22, 2010 is a testament to the fact that we still appreciate our formative years and are blessed that we still care enough about each other and we have travelled far and wide so that we can all say "Jambo and Muli Mutya"

Yours truly,  
Nancy Di Gregorio (Agard)

# MEET THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE UGANDA REUNION 2010



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