PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

PERTH BASANT FESTIVAL 2017

As a proud and unwavering multicultural nation, Australians are bound together by our shared belief in democracy, the rule of law, and a fair go—and by mutual respect.

Next to our Indigenous people, all of us are relative newcomers. Over generations, millions of people from all corners of the world have come here to seek a better life, each adding their own unique and special thread to the story of our nation.

As Australians, we have built a community of people of many faiths, customs and backgrounds who don't just live alongside each other, but respect and love each other too.

Together, we have built the most successful multicultural nation on earth, because we work hard to celebrate difference, seek out common ground, and above all, commit ourselves to peace.

I am confident that this year's Perth Basant Festival will do much to strengthen these ideals, and I wish all those attending an enjoyable and memorable occasion.



The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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