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Canadian MPs Proudly Celebrate Vaisakhi on Parliament Hill

12/04/2016 – Ottawa, Ontario – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, is delighted by the success of the Vaisakhi celebrations that took place on Parliament Hill. It is estimated that over a thousand guests attended the celebrations from all across Canada.

The celebration began on the morning of Saturday April 9th 2016 with an Akhand Paath in the Parliament building. As the Akhand Paath finished, it was followed by a Kirtan and then Langar for all those who attended.

The evening program was a Vaisakhi Cultural Reception that featured Satinder Sartaj and a Bhangra performance by a local Toronto group. The evening concluded with Punjabi music and dancing. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in attendance for both events and announced that his Government will make a formal apology for the Komagata Maru incident on May 18th 2016.

“This was the first time Vaisakhi was celebrated, here in the Canadian Parliament, on such a large scale and it is an extremely proud moment for Canadian Sikhs” said MP Ruby Sahota. “I look forward to this becoming an annual event so that we can continue to share our culture, traditions and language with all Canadians.”

The Vaisakhi celebrations, which were organized by the Sikh Members of Parliament, received praise from the Sikh community all around the world. Well wishes and congratulations poured in from as close as the United States of America and as far away as Punjab, India.

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