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Second Annual Vaisakhi on the Hill

10/05/2017 – Ottawa, Ontario – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, is delighted to co-host the Second Annual Vaisakhi on the Hill celebrations. Nearly five hundred guests attended the events on Parliament Hill and thousands more had the opportunity to watch, via live stream, from across Canada and around the world.

The celebration began on the morning of Saturday April 8th 2017 with an Akhand Paath. On Monday April 10th, the Bhog was followed by a Kirtan and then Langar for all those who attended. The evening program was a Vaisakhi Cultural Reception that featured an Indigenous Drumming Circle by a group of Indigenous Elders, and a Bhangra performance by a dance group from British Columbia. In traditional style, the evening concluded with Punjabi music and dancing.

“Last year, the focus of Vaisakhi on the Hill was to celebrate the vibrant contributions of Sikhs to Canada over the last 150 years. This year, Vaisakhi on the Hill integrated the principles of Sikhism with Canadian values and highlights how we can contribute more to Canada in the 150 years to come.” said MP Ruby Sahota. “Annual events like this allow us to share our culture, traditions and language with all Canadians, while upholding and exemplifying the tenets of Sikhism - Naam Japo, Kirat Karo, and Vand Chakko.”

Once again, the Vaisakhi celebrations, which were organized by the Sikh Members of Parliament, received praise from the Sikh communities from around the world.

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