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Member of the House of Representatives



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We would like to offer you our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas concert.

Ever since opening this school's predecessor, Richmond International High School and College, in Canada, you have always kept abreast of the times, had the flexibility to adapt to the needs of the day, and have nurtured many promising students.

The success we see today is a testimony to the extraordinary efforts of your President and Principals past and present, and every one of your staff.

And to the students: you are our hope.

It is our hope for you that your activities in school will inspire you to become well rounded people, who will go out into the world knowing the value of your future, your dreams, and your neighbors.

Today's Christmas concert only comes once a year.

You've been practicing for a very long time, and now is your chance to shine.

As a Christmas present to all of you, I would like to offer these words, which have always been very close to my heart:

“Dreams do not run away from us — we run away from dreams.”

Lastly, I would like to take today's concert as an opportunity to wish you every success, and to wish all of you, as well as your families and friends in attendance, good health and happiness.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in Japanese calligraphy, reading '義家弘介' (Hiroyuki Yoshiie).

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