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# Press Release

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## **Parliamentary Secretary Obhrai commends Governor General's State Visit for further strengthening Canada-India relations**

(OTTAWA) Hon. Deepak Obhrai, P.C., M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights, today made the following statement in Parliament.

"On Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, I had the honour to accompany Their Excellencies Governor General David Johnston and Mrs. Johnston on the Second State Visit to India. I also had the honour and privilege to accompany the then-Governor General Romeo Leblanc on the first State visit in 1998.

This State Visit follows the Prime Minister's two visits to India, which I was also a part of. In 2006, the Conservative Government stated in the Throne Speech, that building relations with India was one of its priorities.

As their Excellencies stated, with 1.2 million Indo-Canadians, it is but natural that Canada and India have a vibrant relationship. The theme of this state visit was education, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

We were accompanied by a strong delegation of Canadians! Their Excellencies and Rideau Hall staff maintained a very robust program to achieve the objectives of the visit.

To all of them, a very big hand of applause. "

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