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Dear Dr. Wong:

It is with great pleasure that I learned that the 2022 Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association Leadership Award was bestowed upon you yesterday. On my own behalf and on behalf of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, I would like to extend our warmest and most sincere congratulations for this prestigious award.

As the first racialized woman to receive this award, I am confident that you will inspire countless other racialized women to strive to achieve their dreams. It brings me hope for my children and grandchildren, and the future leaders of this country, to know that the important work of racialized women like you is being rightfully recognized and honoured.

Indeed, this award is a testament to the leadership you have demonstrated in bringing awareness to the incidence of mental health issues, which, in recent years, has grown dramatically and is at the forefront of our society. Your efforts in bringing attention to this crisis, both through a public health and a human rights lens, make you very meritorious of this award. I would also like to commend you for your dedication to combatting racism and fighting for inclusion through your work, specifically through the Asian Gold Ribbon Campaign.

Once again, please receive our most sincere congratulations and my personal best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Marie-Claude Landry, Ad. E.
Chief Commissioner