



PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

MESSAGE: 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIKH HOLY SCRIPTURE

The 300th anniversary of the Sikh Holy Scripture in October 2008 is an important event in the life of the Sikh community of Australia and an occasion for celebration and spiritual renewal.

Australians join the Sikh community in this celebration of faith and culture. Australia is home to a diversity of faiths united by tolerance, mutual respect and a commitment to democratic traditions. As an inclusive society we strongly support and respect the rights of citizens to maintain and develop their cultural and religious beliefs.

The Sikh community has a long history in Australia and continues to make a valuable contribution to our vibrant culture. The calendar of Sikh festivals, in particular, provides special opportunities to share cultural traditions with the wider community in a spirit of friendship and harmony.

On behalf of the wider Australian community, I send my best wishes to everyone celebrating this milestone in the history of the Sikh faith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Rudd'.

The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister of Australia