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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

I'm grateful for this opportunity to welcome visitors and participants to the Akhil Australia Marathi Sammelan 2010.

Now in its fifth year the Maharashtra Mandal of Victoria convention has firmly established itself as a wellspring of support for the community. Your success in organising blood donation drives is but one example of an overall compassion and generosity which makes the Maharashtra Mandal of Victoria an important contributor to social cohesion in the State of Victoria.

The Victorian Government remains committed to improving understanding amongst our culturally diverse communities to build harmony and to strengthen our social ties. We appreciate the importance of events such as yours and value their role as a valuable link between their participants and the wider community.

With convention participants hailing from interstate and overseas, yours is an organisation with a far reaching influence, and many should feel encouraged by your message of peace and social harmony.

This convention is a testament to the idea that unity is achieved through communication, and I commend everyone associated with the event. I hope that participants will find it is a constructive and enlightening experience.

I welcome you all, and extend my best wishes for the year to come.



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