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Guest of Honour

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Ladies and Gentlemen. Mesdames et Messieurs.

Bonjour à tous.

Acknowledgement of VIP's / Guests:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Major-General (Retired) Tabbernor, as well as the members of the board, advisors and supporting organizations for the kind invitation to be here this evening as your Guest of Honour.

Introduction

- **Tonight represents a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and dedication of the award winners.**
- **It's also a great time to reflect on the importance of the Cadet Program to Canada and our next generation of great citizens and leaders.**
- **If tonight's award winners are any indication, then our nation has a bright future indeed.**

Importance of the Cadet Program

- **Since the late 19th century, the Department of National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces youth programs have evolved from what was essentially a school-based cadet program. Where local teachers took a lead role in a centrally administered, community-led program.**
- **Today, the Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers (JCR) Programs are world class youth development programs based upon solid fundamentals and a proud and valued legacy.**
- **The aim of the Cadet Program is to develop in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership, promote physical fitness and stimulate the interest of youth in sea, land and air activities of the CAF.**
- **These youth programs have a direct impact on Canadian society as a whole, providing value in having well-rounded and experienced young citizens who are ready to assume their places as tomorrow's leaders and decision-makers.**
- **Although not members of the Canadian Armed Forces, the Cadet program strives to instill Canadian Military values such as:**

- **Respecting the dignity of all people;**
 - **Serving Canada before self;**
 - **Obeying and supporting lawful authority;**
 - **Duty;**
 - **Loyalty;**
 - **Integrity;**
 - **Courage;**
 - **Stewardship; and**
 - **Excellence.**
- **These values are something that all Canadians can agree are important to instill in our youth.**

Opportunities you can't get anywhere else

- **Cadets is not a one-way street. This program gives back as much as they give to it.**

- **Today's cadets can choose between a wide variety of unique and challenging opportunities such as:**
 - **Obtaining a Tpt Canada glider or private pilot's license;**
 - **Participating in the Army Basic Parachute Course, and qualifying for CAF Parachute Wings, which can follow cadets into service in the Canadian Armed Forces if they so choose;**
 - **Sailing on Canadian Coast Guard Ships, or Royal Canadian Navy warships;**
 - **Participating in international cultural exchanges around the world; and**
 - **Participating in challenging outdoor expeditions in the far, remote reaches of Canada or even the world!**
- **Cadets must dedicate their time, energy and efforts to obtain sought-after spots on these, and many more activities.**
- **These opportunities are only the tip of the iceberg, as dedicated men and women across the country in each one of our Regional Cadet Support Units and at the formation Headquarters in**

Ottawa continue to pursue even more activities to keep pace with today's youth.

We can't do it alone...

- **Indeed the delivery of this exceptional program is an enormous undertaking, and we can't do it alone. Although the mandatory programs are supported by DND there is still a requirement for significant support:**
 - **From communities: Cadets need space & facilities to conduct their activities, both indoors and out, as well as support for our program's many community initiatives.**
 - **From sponsors: Those dedicated volunteers who have stepped forward to sponsor an individual Cadet unit.**
 - **From businesses and corporations: Our League partners need your time, your resources and your connections.**
 - **From individuals:**
 - **Consider volunteering with a Cadet Corps or Squadron.**

- **... or better yet, becoming a member of the Cadet Instructors Cadre.**

Conclusion

- **This is an incredible program, one which I have benefitted from personally as both a former cadet myself, as well as a parent of a cadet.**
- **The Cadet Program leaves a lifelong impact not only on its participants, but also their families, friends and communities.**
- **For those who are already involved, I thank you for your continued support. Your efforts, big or small, truly make a difference.**
- **For those who have not yet had an opportunity to see what the program is about, I encourage you to chat with one of our members, or better yet, come down and see us on a parade night and engage directly with our cadets.**

- **For young people, the cadet program is without a doubt an experience you just can't get anywhere else.**
- **And finally to the Hubell Award Board of Directors, I sincerely thank you and the Charity for your generous scholarships to these very deserving future leaders of our country.**

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