



Premier of Alberta

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## Message from Honourable Alison M. Redford, QC Premier of Alberta

*On behalf of the Government of Alberta and all Albertans, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the first annual Daqingshan International Taiji Competition and Conference.*

*Thousands of competitors will gather from 17 countries to compete and celebrate the beautiful sport of Tai Chi. I would especially like to welcome those competing from Alberta. This event is a wonderful way to come together to renew bonds of family, friendship and community while building international relationships. I also hope you will all enjoy the international concert and art show after the competition.*

*Alberta is a province with a rich multicultural tapestry woven from the traditions of many ethnicities. The Chinese community has left its impression on our province as an integral part of our vibrant mosaic. It is wonderful for our Alberta competitors to have the opportunity to experience the beauty and grace of authentic Chinese culture.*

*Thank you to the Shandong Provincial Martial Arts Association, the Rizhao Municipal Sports Commission and the Wuilan County Government in Shandong for organizing such an amazing event. Thank you to Robert Maskell and the international organizing committee for encouraging international participation.*

*I hope you all enjoy your time at the Daqingshan Mountain Resort in Wulian, Rizhao, Shandong Province in China -and please come visit us in Alberta soon!*

*Best wishes for successful event!*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison Redford'.

*Alison M. Redford, QC*

*May 25, 2013*