



SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

*Greetings from the Honourable Minister  
of Tourism, Culture and Sport*

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to welcome everyone to the 2015 Bikila Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner.

These awards are a wonderful opportunity to help foster a sense of pride and a spirit of celebration within the Ethiopian-Canadian community. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Bikila Award Board of Directors for organizing this important event, where we can reflect on Ethiopian-Canadian achievements and set the stage for the next generation.

I would also like to congratulate all of today's award recipients. Your contributions to the Ethiopian-Canadian community and Canadian society as a whole are something that we can all be proud of. In the legacy of Adebé Bikila, I encourage you all to continue to follow your dreams and exceed expectations.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful and exciting awards event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Michael Coteau".

Michael Coteau  
Minister