

Importance of Learning Mandarin - Quotable Quotes



Lois E. Hole, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, January 17, 2004

"I strongly believe in second language education and its benefits for both the students involved and the community at large. As Lieutenant Governor, I frequently meet individuals who are fluent in two or more languages and know what a wonderful opportunity it presents for cultural understanding and harmony."



Ralph Klein, Premier of Alberta, January 17, 2004

"By giving Edmonton students the opportunity to immerse themselves in Chinese language and culture, you have further enhanced the opportunities available within our schools. The knowledge gained from the Mandarin bilingual program will be an invaluable asset in today's increasingly global community."



Dr. Lyle Oberg, Alberta Minister of Learning, January 17, 2004

"Maintaining the diverse multicultural fabric of our communities is very important. Learning other languages helps students to enrich their educational experiences and also promotes personal growth and cultural understanding. In addition, languages help students to acquire practical communication skills for increased job opportunities with businesses and industries that compete on a global scale...The unique programs offered truly make the learning system in Alberta one of the best in the world."