



June 16 – 19, 2009

### *A Message from the Premier*

As Premier of the province of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to join with the Honourable Colin Hansen, Minister of Finance, in welcoming everyone to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian University Government Relations Officers Conference in Vancouver.

Featuring an exceptional lineup of speakers, this conference will address some of the most important and challenging issues our universities are faced with today. The focus of this year's Conference is *Coping and Capitalizing: Universities in Challenging Times*, and discussions will aim to identify new strategies and trends which are emerging as a result of the changing global economy.

I am confident that everyone in attendance will benefit greatly from the presentations, discussions and exhibitions that are available at this conference. I would like to commend the speakers, organizers and volunteers for the time and effort that they have devoted to arranging this very valuable dialogue. Without your support, events like this simply would not be possible.

On behalf of the people of the province of British Columbia, please accept my best wishes for a successful and productive conference.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell  
Premier