

# THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN



## Senator's Message

Sincere greetings from the west coast, on this 1st day of October, also "National Seniors Day, which coincides with the United Nations International Day of Older Persons, as is an occasion for Canadians to celebrate the profound contributions of seniors in our homes, communities, and workplaces." (from National Association of Federal Retirees site). Mr. Ja Hyung Lee, who became the oldest male senior in Canada as he celebrated his 111th birthday, reminds us that age does not need to hamper one's joie de vivre, and the best is yet to come. Let us also give thanks to the service and sacrifices of our pioneering elders and the Veterans of the Korean War, to whom many of us owe our lives and freedoms, including the freedom to exercise our right to vote in elections. On September 20th, Canadians voted to give PM Trudeau another minority mandate; and though The Hon. Erin O'Toole and the Conservatives won the popular vote, we will return to Ottawa to continue to hold the government in check as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. To my House colleagues and candidates of all the parties who put their names forward for election, thank you

for stepping up willing to lead and serve. To all the families, friends and volunteers who dedicated much time and effort in support of your candidate, thank you for being an active part of the democratic process! As well in September, my office (in partnership with regional community organizations and leaders) launched the 2021 Virtual Parliamentary Internship Program and welcomed 22 post-secondary students from across Canada. The month of September also included stakeholder meetings, Zoom events and special celebrations such as Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving) and Mid-Autumn Festival. As we look ahead to our Canadian Thanksgiving weekend in the coming weeks, let us celebrate life's blessings, and be thankful for the love of family, friends and community. Stay safe and God bless you always.

~Senator Yonah Martin

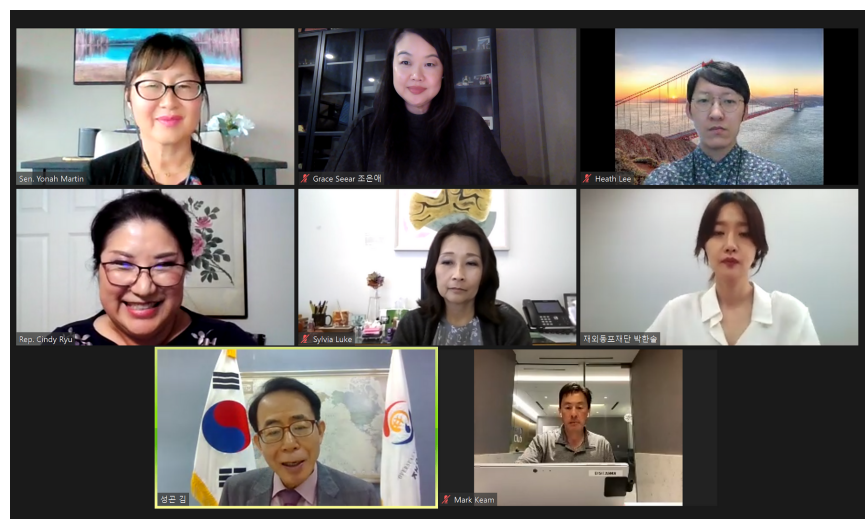
## Welcoming the Virtual Class of 2021

The annual Parliamentary Internship Program has been launched in a virtual format for the first time since its inception in 2011. The Class of 2021 interns, selected in partnership with the Korean, Bulgarian, Ismaili and Filipino Canadian communities, completed mandatory training workshops related to three broad sections: Communications, Constituency Work, and Policy and Legislation. The fall program will be filled with knowledgeable guest speakers, seminars, and virtual events which will allow the interns to gain insights into the world of politics and life on Parliament Hill. Sen. Martin looks forward to mentoring the interns collectively and individually, sharing her insights, and encouraging the interns to gain valuable knowledge and understanding about Canadian politics and about themselves, over the course of the virtual internship program. Sincere thanks to all the community partners for selecting such outstanding interns!



# Meetings and Events

As the excitement and activities of the federal election campaign filled the airwaves and streets of the 338 electoral ridings across Canada, Senator Martin and her dedicated staff continued to hold various meetings, attend events, manage on-going files and serve constituents. Among many, Sen. Martin attended the Ambrose Matilda Music Connection Competition (in memory of the late Ambrose Choi); she met with UKCIA President and members of the UKCIA Executive and attended the closing ceremony of the 2021 World-OKTA Next Generation Start-Up Conference. September concluded with the Vancouver Artist Society's 12th Virtual Music Lecture, an update with HanVoice, a special 111th Birthday celebration, and the Policy & Legislation workshop with guest presenter Paul Seear (Policy Advisor extraordinaire) on the morning of September 30th, the inaugural National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (or Orange Shirt Day). As the nation pauses to reflect on the importance of September 30th and ahead of the opening of the next Parliament, Sen. Martin and her staff reaffirm their commitment to serve their constituents to the best of their abilities, as always.



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