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MESSAGE FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2020

I send my warmest greetings to all Australians celebrating Mid-Autumn Moon Festival this year.

Widely celebrated throughout Asia and the world, Mid-Autumn Moon Festival has become one of the brightest multicultural events in Australia, with parades, lanterns and moon cakes the centrepieces of celebrations around the country.

This year, like many other festivals and events, Mid-Autumn Moon Festival will be celebrated very differently. I thank all Australians for your understanding, patience and efforts during this time, adhering to the range of measures introduced to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

While some Australians may be able to gather in small groups with family and share mooncakes and tea, others, particularly those in my home state of Victoria, may have to observe the festivities while complying with physical distancing restrictions.

Cultural events like the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival are an opportunity to recognise Australia's diverse, rich and vibrant multicultural heritage. As one of the most successful multicultural societies in the world, we have welcomed migrants from across the shores and in the process we have all been enriched.

I wish you and your families a Happy Mid-Autumn Moon Festival.

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