



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

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Dear Mr. Hancock:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to you on becoming only the 13th Canadian to reach the seven highest summits in the world.

No doubt it was a great love of the outdoors coupled with a passion for adventure led to you on your incredible journey to the world's seven continents. At elevations ranging from 2,228 to 8,848 metres, scaling these peaks is a daunting mountaineering prospect, yet you persevered. Your determination and strength of will as you pursued your goal serve as an inspiring reminder of what the human spirit can accomplish. I join with your colleagues and friends in extending my congratulations to you on this most impressive achievement.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for every success in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Stephen Harper".

Mr. Al Hancock

