



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

**SRI SELVA VINAYAKAR TEMPLE
GRAND RE-OPENING CEREMONY**

I am pleased to provide this message for the Grand Re-Opening Ceremony of the Sri Selva Vinayakar Temple.

This Temple is a space to come together in fellowship, and to share your valued traditions with wider society.

This “Maha Kumbhabisekam” is the result of the hard work and dedication of your community to establish a place for your growing community to worship.

I pay tribute to the efforts of both Australian and Indian professionals and artisans who have worked so hard on renovating the Temple. Your collaborative efforts are a reminder of the strong people-to-people links that Australia and India share.

Hinduism is Australia’s fastest growing religion, and is now practiced by some 275,000 people. For many, it provides meaning, purpose and inspiration to their daily lives.

The Hindu community, in all its diversity, has become an integral part of the Australian story.

The Sri Selva Vinayakar Temple is a sign of the prosperity and potential of your community. It will be a focal point for the region and for Queensland.

I congratulate devotees of the Sri Selva Vinayakar Temple on this special day and send you my best wishes for the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Abbott'.

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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