

Premier Gordon Campbell
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It is really an exciting day for all of us in British Columbia and Canada. We are about to go to Prague, carrying the Canadian flag with what is an exceptional bid to win the 2010 Games.

As we go across the ocean and fly over to Prague, I want to say thank you to the literally thousands of volunteers that have put this bid together. I want to thank Jack Poole and his team for the exceptional work that they have done; they have been tireless.

Our bid is offering the best that B.C. has. It's the best that Canada has. We're carrying Canada's flag and we're ready to go there and put our best foot forward so that hopefully next Wednesday morning Vancouver will win the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games for everyone in Canada.

It is a huge opportunity for our First Nations, for communities from Big White to Silver Star, from Invermere and Panorama all the way to Mount Washington. To Hudson's Bay Resort, Kimberley Resort, Fernie Resort and of course Whistler and Vancouver, two exceptional places.

There is nothing we can't accomplish when we work together. There is nothing we can't accomplish when we have exceptional leadership and I am really pleased to be here with the man who has led our bid for the last two years.

He has pulled together a team, including John Furlong and thousands of volunteers, that is going to make sure that our best is brought to the International Olympic Committee.