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M. le Président
Melbourne French Theatre Company

Cher Michael,

After the signature, almost a year ago, by the Melbourne French Theatre Company of the Resolution delegating to an ad hoc committee the responsibility of organising a central event around the French National Day, I am pleased to report "*Mission Accomplished*": the inaugural Bastille Day French Festival of Melbourne took place on the 18th and 19th July, 2015, at the State Library Victoria.

Our common vision was to showcase all things French from food and wine to fashion, music, books and theatre. We wanted the event to be community-minded and as broad as possible. It was easier said than done, as we had goodwill but little financial backing to start this enterprise. But the passion and the support brought by our community partners, in particular MFTC, made our dream a reality.

On behalf of the organising committee of the Bastille Day French Festival, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to you Michael and to the Melbourne French Theatre Company team, for your generous contribution to our inaugural Festival. The animated readings by MFTC's actors on both days were highly appreciated by the audience. Your own lecture, as a satellite programming, on the legal complexities about investing in France also gave an additional depth to the Festival and was an indication of the public interest in the relations between our two countries.

Du fond du cœur, merci. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Best regards,

Myriam Boisbouvier-Wylie
Honorary Consul-General of France