



PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

MESSAGE: DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE MUKTI-GUPTESHWAR MANDIR

I am pleased to provide a message to the Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir Society on the occasion of the dedication ceremony (Maha-Kumbha-Bhishekam) for the Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir at Minto in NSW.

The dedication of this temple is an important event in the life of your community and an occasion for celebration and spiritual renewal.

Such an auspicious event reminds us that Australia is host to a diversity of faiths, encompassing all the world's major religions. Australia has developed into a nation that values diversity and respects the rights of citizens to maintain and develop their cultural and religious beliefs within an Australian context. I commend the role played by religious organisations such as the Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir Society for encouraging the values of compassion and service to the community, which have contributed in no small way to the well-being of the Australian community as a whole.

I send my best wishes to all those attending this special occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Howard'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop for the letter 'J'.

(John Howard)