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Dear Lord Provost,

As our athletes and teams return home following a truly outstanding Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, I wanted to write personally to thank you for your support, partnership and commitment. Together, we have demonstrated what can be achieved when ambition, creativity and a shared sense of purpose come together.

Please pass on my sincere appreciation to the people of Glasgow, and especially the volunteers, who once again showed the world their ability to deliver a world-class sporting event with the warmth, generosity and spirit that make this city such a valued part of our Commonwealth family.

Over eleven unforgettable days, athletes from 74 nations and territories inspired us through their excellence, determination and respect for one another. We celebrated historic milestones, including first-ever Commonwealth Games medals for Rwanda and Gabon, a first gold medal for Dominica, and the largest integrated Para sport programme in Commonwealth Games history. Six world records were broken, all by women and all by Para athletes. These achievements reflect the very best of Commonwealth Sport.

The successes also extended far beyond competition. The Games demonstrated that innovation, sustainability and commitment to athlete and spectator experience can go hand in hand. Together, we have delivered a blueprint for impactful, sustainable Games that will inspire more nations and cities to host in the years ahead. A tremendous legacy that we should all be proud of.

As we look towards Amdavad 2030 and the centenary Commonwealth Games, we do so with enormous optimism. Glasgow has not simply hosted an outstanding Games; it has helped shape the future of Commonwealth Sport.

Please accept my sincere thanks, and convey my gratitude to the teams at the City Council and Glasgow Life, the wonderful citizens of Glasgow, and everyone who played their part in the success of these altogether brilliant Commonwealth Games.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Donald Rukare
President