



PRESS RELEASE

Inuit Training Centre Opens in Montreal

Montreal, Québec – June 22, 2010 – Today, representatives of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), Emploi-Québec and the Kativik School Board attended the official opening of the Ivirtivik Centre.

“Ivritvik is based on an innovative approach that combines skills training and learning by doing. It represents real work experience that helps students to grow,” noted KRG Vice-Chairperson Joseph Annahatak.

Ivritvik is unlike other employment and training initiatives. It teaches skills by making each participant responsible for a different function at the Centre, based on their interests and required learning. One student may act as the receptionist, another as a computer technician and so on. Each student is assisted not only to acquire the skills needed to integrate the labour market but also to be successful in the workplace and keep their jobs.

The Ivritvik Centre is operated in partnership with the Kativik School Board. Funding for Ivritvik is mainly paid through HRSDC’s Aboriginal Skills and Training Strategic Investment Fund. Emploi-Québec is also associated with the Centre as well as with employment and training services delivered by the KRG to Inuit living in Montreal.

The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel. The KRG administers public affairs in the areas of municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security and economic development. Through its Employment, Training, Income Support and Childcare Department, the KRG is a vital player in the delivery of employment and training services in Nunavik as well as to Inuit living in urban centres.

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