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Government of Canada creates summer jobs in Miramichi

Canada's Economic Action Plan invests in job creation for students

Miramichi, NEW BRUNSWICK, June 14, 2010—More Miramichi riding students will have an opportunity to gain valuable work experience and earn money for the upcoming school year thanks to a Government of Canada initiative. Ms. Tilly O'Neill Gordon, Member of Parliament for Miramichi, made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development.

“Through Canada’s Economic Action Plan, our government is increasing funding to Canada Summer Jobs, to create jobs for students and help them develop their skills,” said Ms. Tilly O'Neill Gordon. “Our government is happy to give a hand-up to students who are eager for a tangible work experience and who would like to contribute to their local community and economy.”

Canada’s Economic Action Plan increased funding by \$10 million in 2009, and is again providing an additional \$10 million in 2010, for Canada Summer Jobs. The initiative provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, public sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees to create summer jobs and opportunities for students. It benefits the needs of the employer, the students and their communities.

The Government of Canada is committed to helping students in Miramichi. This year, through the Canada Summer Jobs initiative, hundreds of agreements will be signed and nearly 300 summer jobs will be created for local students.

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“Our government is helping Canada’s youth succeed now and in the future,” said Ms. Tilly O’Neill Gordon.

Further information on youth employment opportunities can be found at www.youth.gc.ca.

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Background

Through Canada's "Jobs and Growth Budget," the Government is creating more employment opportunities for young Canadians by investing \$108 million in new funding over three years, which will help young people gain the skills and experience they need.

As part of that investment, the federal Youth Employment Strategy's Career Focus and Skills Link programs will each receive a one-time increase of \$30 million to help more young Canadians while the economy recovers.

Other youth-specific initiatives introduced in the 2010 "Jobs and Growth Budget" include:

- \$10 million to the Canadian Youth Business Foundation to support its work with Canada's young entrepreneurs; and
- \$30 million over two years to ensure that First Nations children receive the education they require for success.

Canada's Economic Action Plan also introduced several youth-specific initiatives, including:

- an increase of \$20 million over two years (2009–2010) for Canada Summer Jobs;
- a \$15-million grant to the YMCA and YWCA, which will be used to create approximately 800 to 1,000 youth internships with non-profit and community organizations;
- a \$2,000 Apprenticeship Completion Grant that will be available to apprentices who successfully complete an apprenticeship program in a Red Seal trade. This represents an investment of \$40 million per year; and
- an additional \$87.5 million over three years to temporarily expand the Canada Graduate Scholarships program.

To learn more about Canada's Economic Action Plan, please visit the following Web site: www.actionplan.gc.ca.