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NWT Celebrates Heritage Week

YELLOWKNIFE (February 17, 2011) – February 21-27 is Heritage Week, and northern cultural and heritage organizations are celebrating by hosting several events and programs across the territory. To kick off the Week, the 2011 Pan-Territorial Heritage Fair is being held February 17 and 18 at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

“Awareness, appreciation and promotion of our northern heritage is important in strengthening our cultural identity as individuals, families and communities,” says the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Jackson Lafferty. “I applaud the efforts of all cultural and heritage organizations and individuals across the territory who work diligently throughout the year to promote and preserve our unique northern heritage.”

At the 2011 Pan-Territorial Heritage Fair, for the first time, 30 students representing all regions of the Northwest Territories will come together to share in learning and showcasing their winning heritage projects. Joining them are ten students from Nunavut and ten from the Yukon.

The public is invited to meet the students and view their projects at the Heritage Centre in Yellowknife on Friday, February 18 from 2pm to 4pm.

The Heritage Fair aligns with the 16th Legislative Assembly’s goal to strengthen awareness of our northern identity and uniqueness by promoting our successes, our culture, our arts, and our languages with a proud and unified voice.

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