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News Release

2007 Titiraliritti!, Nunavut Literary Prize Winners Announced

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 6, 2007) –Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is pleased to announce the winners of the 2007 Titiraliritti! Nunavut Literary Prize.

This prize is intended for Nunavummiut, to encourage the writing and publishing of literature in the Inuit language with first and second place winners being chosen from each region of Nunavut. This year's theme was open, giving authors of any age an opportunity to write on any topic. Each first prize winner receives \$3500 and the second prize winners receive \$1500.

In the Kitikmeot region, David Kaniak of Cambridge Bay received first prize for his story *Hiuqittaap Unipkaaliurvia* and second prize went to Mary Komookak of Gjoa Haven for her story *Innangualuu inuluharjuglu nuliariik*. Kaniak's story was the first ever story in Inuinnaqtun to win a prize.

In the Kivalliq region, Jennifer Kadjuk of Repulse Bay received first prize for her story *Uqaujurluva Uqallanirluva Uvvaluunniit Uqausituqanga*, and second prize went to Adele Angdlik of Rankin Inlet for her story *Kumaruangujunga*.

In the Qikiqtani region, Arsene Ivalu of Igloodik received first prize for his story *Sikumi Aulajumiilarnivinia*. This is Ivalu's second time to win. The second prize went to Paniloo Qammanirq of Arctic Bay for her story *Kaaktualuulauqsimagatta*.

Under the priorities stated in Pinasuaqtavut the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is building a stronger cultural foundation based on Inuit societal values and the protection of Inuit languages. The department launched the annual literary prize in 2003 to increase the amount of literature in the Inuit Language for adult readers. This year over 70 entries were received Nunavut wide.

To celebrate the success of the Titiraliritti!, Nunavut Literary Prize, the Department of Culture, Language Elders and Youth will be publishing a book of all the winning stories of the last four years.. This book will be available in the Fall of 2007.

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