



## News Release

### Nunavut Youth to Participate in National Aboriginal Economic Development Conference

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 22, 2007)** – The Department of Economic Development and Transportation is sponsoring three unique young people to represent Nunavut youth at the National Symposium to Focus on Aboriginal Business and Economic Development in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

“These young people are engaged in economic development in their communities and I’m proud that we are able to sponsor them,” said Minister of Economic Development David Simailak. “This conference is an excellent opportunity for them to network with their peers and bring back to Nunavut the ideas and energy they will gain from other Aboriginal business leaders, which will help bolster the entrepreneurial spirit that exists in Nunavut.”

Representing Nunavut young entrepreneurs will be: Peter Tatatuapik, member of Nunavut Youth Consulting from Arctic Bay; Naomi MacCallum, General Manager of Ivalu Ltd. an arts and crafts shop in Rankin Inlet; and Wynter Kuliktana of Kugluktuk, who works for the Ekati Diamond Mine as the Environmental Technician Summer Student and is also a member of the Inuit Circumpolar Youth Council as the Canadian Inuit Youth Representative.

Successes and opportunities in Aboriginal business and economic development will be the focus at the National Symposium to Focus on Aboriginal Business and Economic Development.

The invitation-based event, “Excellence in Action: Best Practices in First Nation, Métis and Inuit Economic Development,” will take place January 23-25, 2007.

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