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## News Release

### *Kamanaqtut Unikkaar – Amazing Stories...*

### 2008 Titiraliritti! Literary Prize Winners Announced

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 12, 2007)** – Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Titiraliritti! Literary Prize.

“The Inuit Language is fundamental to Nunavummiut’s unique identity” said Minister Louis Tapardjuk. “I am proud of all authors who contribute with their creativity to our distinct cultural and linguistic identity as a people. Their stories ensure that our Inuit knowledge, values, and traditions are passed on.”

In the general category, Sakiasee Qaunaq, from Arctic Bay, won the first prize for the story *Sakiasee Qaunaup Umiakkut Kamanaqtukkuulauqsimanivininga*; John Sr. Ivalutanar, from Repulse Bay, won the second prize for the story *Tatamikasangnira*; and Jake Ikeperiaq, from Hall Beach, won the third prize for the story *Unikkaara Kamanaqtuq*. The first prize is \$5000, second prize is \$3000, and third prize is \$1000.

Eunice Panigayak, from Taloyoak, won a \$800 prize for the story *February 07, 2004* in the youth category. Imelda Angootealuk, from Coral Harbour, won a \$200 prize for the poem *Anaanaga*.

Titiraliritti! promotes original literature written by Nunavummiut in the Inuit Language. The theme for 2008 literary contest was *Kamanaqtut Unikkaar*, a strange event or an event that amazed you. 80 stories were submitted.

The department launched the annual Titiraliritti! literary prize in 2003 to increase the amount of literature in the Inuit Language for adult readers. A special commemorative book will be available this Spring with all winning stories from the past five years.

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