



Background: Contributing Province/Territory Program

VANOC's *Contributing Province/Territory* enables Nunavut to participate in the following:

- Organize a Nunavut Day at the 2010 Winter Games to promote the territory;
- Participate in the Cultural Olympiad, which will include opportunities for Nunavut's artists;
- Encourage Aboriginal participation in the Games and preceding events;
- Access VANOC promotional materials;
- Use the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and Own the Podium 2010 logos;
- Promote educational and volunteer opportunities relating to sport and culture, and encourage healthy lifestyles; and
- Participate in the historic torch relay for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

VANOC's Contributing Province/Territory Program offers a structured avenue for all provinces and territories to participate in the 2010 Winter Games. Under the CPTP, signatory provinces and territories receive a package of benefits that create a close association with the games, similar to those of corporate sponsors. In return, participating provinces and territories make a financial contribution towards the success of Canadian athletes in 2010 through the Own the Podium 2010 program; culture and arts, through the Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad; and directly, to staging successful Games in 2010. VANOC developed this new program in response to interest demonstrated by Canada's provinces and territories outside of British Columbia to allow for greater involvement in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

VANOC

VANOC's government partners provide funding, infrastructure, essential service support and management services to the 2010 Winter Games, which will contribute to the lasting economic, sport, cultural and social legacies for citizens and communities throughout Canada. VANOC's government partners include the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, the City of Vancouver and the Resort Municipality of Whistler. Nunavut today joins VANOC's existing Contributing Province/Territory Program partners, including Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, Yukon, NWT, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island. VANOC's Venue Cities are Richmond, Surrey and West Vancouver. VANOC has also signed an MOU with each Canadian province and territory.

VANOC is responsible for the planning, organizing, financing and staging of the XXI Olympic

Winter Games and the X Paralympic Winter Games in 2010. The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be staged in Vancouver and Whistler from February 12 to 28, 2010. Vancouver and Whistler will host the Paralympic Winter Games from March 12 to 21, 2010. Visit www.vancouver2010.com.

Nunavut

Nunavut is Canada's largest territory or province. One of the three territories, it was formed in 1999 when it separated from the Northwest Territories. Nunavut is one-fifth of Canada's land mass. It is in the northeastern part of the country. It has a southern land-based border with Manitoba. Its western border is with the Northwest Territories. The territory has just over 31,000 inhabitants; the least of any Canadian province or territory.

A majority of Nunavummiut are involved in creating the unique type of art that has come to signify the territory. Inuit carvings, wall hangings, jewelry and prints have become famous around the world. The territory has just announced a brand that will identify Nunavut art from imitations.

The territory is known for its breathtaking scenery. It attracts tourists who want to get off the beaten path. Nunavut has four national parks, eight territorial parks, outfitters, museums, art galleries, regular festivals and events.

The territory is also home to many untapped resources such as gold, diamonds, natural gas, oil, copper, lead, zinc and precious stones. A new gold mine is scheduled to open early next year. Nunavut is a great place to live, visit, work and play.