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Premier Aariak to Speak at the Symons Lecture on the State of Canadian Confederation

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 6, 2009) Premier Eva Aariak has accepted an invitation from The Fathers of Confederation Buildings Trust to speak at the Symons Lecture on the state of Canadian confederation on November 3, 2009 in Charlottetown, PEI.

The Premier will speak in response to an address by ITK President Mary Simon. The Premier's presentation is entitled "Completing the Map of Canada", and will focus on the needs, issues and objectives of Nunavut.

The Symons Lecture was established in 2004 by the Trust to mark the 40th Anniversary of the 1964 opening of the Confederation Centre of the Arts by her Majesty the Queen and Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. The Confederation Centre is a national memorial to the Fathers of Confederation who met in Charlottetown in 1864.

The annual lecture provides a national platform for Canadians distinguished in public life and public discourse to comment upon the state of the Canadian confederation, as well as an occasion for Canadians to consider major questions that may confront us.

Speakers at the Symons Lecture have included the Honourable Jean Charest, Premier of Québec; the Honourable Dennis Fentie, the Premier of the Yukon; the Honourable Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of Ontario; Mark Starowicz, the documentary and broadcast journalist; the Honourable Peter Lougheed, former Premier of Alberta; and, the Honourable John Crosbie, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Last year, the Lecture was given by the Honourable Beverly McLachlan, the Chief Justice of Canada and Dr. Ian Wilson, the Librarian and Archivist of Canada.

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