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Nunavummiut invited to celebrate French language and culture

IQUALUIT, Nunavut (March 9, 2012) – Today marks the beginning of the 14th edition of *Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*, a 17-day national celebration of French language and culture.

“This year’s theme, *Understanding Builds a Better Future*, is very appropriate for a multicultural society such as Nunavut,” said James Arreak, Minister of Language. “The Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is a proud partner of Nunavut’s cultural and artistic programming for this year’s *Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*.”

A series of community events will be hosted from March 9 to 25, by the Association des francophones du Nunavut, in celebration of French language and culture in the territory.

The Government of Nunavut supports the vitality and development of Nunavut’s francophone community. About 1,200 Nunavummiut, or approximately 4 per cent of the total population, have the ability to speak French either as their mother tongue or a second language. The majority of French-speaking Nunavummiut reside in Iqaluit.

For event information, please visit <http://www.cley.gov.nu.ca>.

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Backgrounder: List of Nunavut events

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