



News Release

Launch of *Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq* 2014

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 17, 2014) – New online, print and multimedia materials are now available in recognition of the *Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq*, which means “celebration of our language”. The theme for this year’s event, held February 17 to 28 by the Department of Culture and Heritage, is “*Our language keeps our culture strong*”.

Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq is Nunavut’s two-week celebration of Inuktut, which is a traditional, single term to refer to both Inuinnaqtun and Inuktitut together.

“Inuktut has a strong foundation, but we cannot afford to be complacent,” said the Honourable Paul Okalik, Minister of Languages. “The small choices we make every day will keep our language and culture strong. I urge Nunavummiut to use Inuktut at home, school, and work—in all areas of life, whether during cultural activities or chatting with friends online.”

For this year’s celebrations, the Department of Culture and Heritage is releasing:

- *Iglarnaqtut!* – an illustrated collection of funny original stories (online and print);
- *Timiup Kisukuttilimaangit Taiguusingit/Timimi Kituuyaakhait Taidjutait* – a full-colour resource for health professionals and medical interpreters on human anatomy in Inuktut (online and print); and
- Inuktut books, games, birthday songs CDs, and flashcards to schools and community libraries across Nunavut.

The department encourages other organizations to join in the action and welcomes Nunavummiut to share photos of their activities on the *Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq* 2014 web pages to uqausivut@gov.nu.ca.

For more information on *Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq* 2014, visit www.ch.gov.nu.ca.

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