



MEDIA ADVISORY

PREMIER MCGUINTY AND PREMIER CHAREST TO HOST NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER SUMMIT ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS

OTTAWA, February 23, 2006 — On behalf of the Council of the Federation, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Quebec Premier Jean Charest will co-host *Competing For Tomorrow* – a national stakeholder summit on postsecondary education and skills on February 24, 2006 in Ottawa.

Also attending will be Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams, Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie, and Northwest Territories Premier Joe Handley.

Provincial and territorial governments are committed to strengthening Canada's most important competitive advantage – our people. Premiers recognize that governments, educational institutions and the private sector must work together to develop and implement a plan for higher education and skills training for Canadians.

Competing for Tomorrow will bring together a broad cross-section of stakeholders, including student, college, university, business and labour representatives, to examine key issues and challenges they are facing in postsecondary education and skills training.

These discussions will guide the Council of the Federation in developing a pan-Canadian strategy for postsecondary education and skills training for Canada and Canadians to thrive in the 21st century economy.

Location

Westin Ottawa
11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa

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Media itinerary for *Competing for Tomorrow* summit (subject to change)

Friday, February 24

- 7:30 a.m. Media registration
Hartwell's Room (First Floor), Westin Hotel
11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa
- 8:30 a.m. Summit opens with remarks by co-hosts Ontario Premier Dalton
McGuinty, Quebec Premier Jean Charest and keynote address by
Rajesh Subramaniam, President of FedEx Express Canada
(Open media coverage)
- 9:30 a.m. Working sessions
(No media access)
- 2:30 p.m. Report-back from working sessions
(Open media coverage)
- 4:00 p.m. Closing remarks
(Open media coverage)
- 4:30 p.m. Closing news conference
(Open media coverage)

Information for media covering the summit

- (1) Media must register upon arrival at the summit, and summit media accreditation must be worn at all times.
- (2) A media filing room will be available at the Westin Hotel in the Hartwell's Room

To learn more, visit www.councilofthefederation.ca.

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