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NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS LAUNCHED

In an effort to engage young Aboriginal people in Canadian foreign affairs and international trade, Cameco Corporation, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) and the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) today launched the Aboriginal Essay Competition 2010.

“Aboriginal students’ voices are important but not always heard in discussions about Canada’s place in the world,” said Karen McBride, CBIE President. “We look forward to some exciting contributions that pave the way for increased engagement in international affairs by Aboriginal people.”

The national Aboriginal Essay Competition asks Aboriginal students to offer their insights into Aboriginal peoples’ contribution to Canada’s international relations and/or the links between Aboriginal peoples and international issues. First prize is a trip to a major international conference, as part of a Canadian delegation. Honorable mentions will be awarded to two “runners-up” who will each receive a trip to DFAIT’s head office in Ottawa for meetings and information sessions.

The deadline for submissions to the competition is **April 7, 2010**. Submissions should be made through CBIE’s website at: <http://www.cbie.ca/english/scholarship/canadians.htm>.

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DFAIT is the Canadian department responsible for foreign affairs and international trade. It promotes Canada's interests, the security and prosperity of Canadians, and advances the Canadian values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

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CBIE is a national non-profit educational association made up of nearly 200 school boards, colleges, universities and associates. It is involved in both aid-supported and trade-related educational projects around the world.