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**Asan-Canadian Embassy to Organize
a Special Cultural Exhibition on Canada's Arctic
- Canada's Arctic: Vibrant and Thriving -**

- In partnership with the Canadian Embassy in Seoul, the Asan Institute for Policy Studies will organize a special cultural exhibit on Canada's Arctic, to be held from December 1 to 31 at the Asan Institute Gallery.
- The exhibit, entitled Canada's Arctic: Vibrant and Thriving, consists of 16 enlarged photographs of Canada's Arctic and is complemented by four panels of Canadian Geographic magazine covers featuring Canada's North. This exhibit of contemporary photography of the Canadian Arctic was developed in partnership with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.
- Modern conveniences exist alongside thriving traditional cultures in Canada's North, which faces both challenges and opportunities. Through a geographic lens, the exhibit offers international audiences a brief glimpse into the lives of Northerners. It also offers perspective on the environment and activities that help shape and influence this vibrant region, and highlights the importance of sustainable circumpolar communities, a key priority under Canada's Chairmanship of the Arctic Council (2013-15), which was launched under the theme "Development for the People of the North." Captions are provided in Korean, English and French.
- The exhibit will also be accompanied by a display of 10 photographs of The aurora, provided by the Canadian Tourism Commission, and screenings of pieces from the National Film Board documentary series Stories of our Land and the video clip Canada through the eyes of Canadians.
- "I hope this exhibit will generate wider interest in Canada's North and Arctic among the Korean public" said James Trottier, Counsellor and Head of Political, Economic and Public Affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Seoul, who added, "Canada and Korea have a productive relationship in joint Arctic research through cooperation with the Korea Polar Research Institute, and Canada welcomes the deepening of ties with South Korea on the Arctic, both within the context of our bilateral relationship, as well as through the Arctic Council." "The Canadian High Arctic Research Station (CHARS), which will be operational

by 2017, will provide a world-class hub for science and technology on the cutting edge of resource development and environmental issues in the Canadian Arctic.”

- This exhibition is organized as a part of the Cross-Cultural Engagement (CCE) series launched by the Asan Institute for Policy Studies. As part of the CCE series, the Asan Institute has invited diplomatic missions, including the Embassy of Canada to Korea, to hold exhibitions at the Asan Institute’s Gallery, where they can showcase a variety of photos, films and other representations of their countries.

* The exhibition is open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on national and public holidays, at the Gallery of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies.

About the Asan Institute for Policy Studies

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies is an independent think tank that provides innovative policy solutions and spearheads public discourse on the core issues in Korea, East Asia and the world. Our goal is to assist policymakers to make better informed and mutually beneficial policy decisions. The Asan Institute, established in 2008, has successfully hosted a series of international conferences including the Asan Plenum, the Asan China Forum and the Asan Nuclear Forum and published a number of books such as *China’s Foreign Policy*, *Japan in Crisis*, *The Arab Spring*, *Escape From Camp 14* and *The Orphan Master’s Son*. The Asan Institute for Policy Studies ranked 6th in "Top 45 Think Tanks in China, India, Japan and the Republic of Korea" and was the only domestic think tank that was selected in the "Best Think Tank Conference" by Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Special cultural exhibit on Canada's Arctic

1. Hosts

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies and the Canadian Embassy in Seoul

2. Title

Canada's Arctic: Vibrant and Thriving

3. Date and Time: December 1 to 31, 2014, 10:00AM – 5:00PM

4. Venue: Gallery (1F), The Asan Institute for Policy Studies

5. Purpose of the exhibition

Canada's North is a region as vast as it is diverse. Modern conveniences exist alongside thriving traditional cultures in a region that faces both challenges and opportunities. As possibilities emerge to develop the region's rich natural resources, Canada's North is poised for an unprecedented economic boom. Careful planning, however, will be necessary to achieve economic and environmental sustainability. Canada is working hard with its partners in the Arctic Council to ensure economic and environment development will be sustainable throughout the circumpolar region and that the benefits to the health and well-being of Northerners and Northern communities will be lasting.

6. Images



