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THE 3rd CANADIAN FRANCOPHONE GAMES: OVER 850 PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED AND PROGRAMMING FOR ALL TASTES

Winnipeg, Manitoba – The 3rd edition of the Canadian Francophone Games, being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from July 20 to 24, 2005, is expected to host over 850 participants, the Games Organizing Committee and the Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française announced at a joint press conference at la Fourche on Monday, the site of the July 20 opening ceremonies.

A total of 1053 delegates, including 853 participants, have registered, just short of the record of 866 participants set in 2002 at Rivière-du-Loup. The 1st Canadian Francophone Games, in Memramcook, New Brunswick in 1999, drew 763 participants.

The 2005 edition of the Canadian Francophone Games will bring together young people aged 14 to 18 years to test their skills in sports, artistic, and leadership events. The Games have three sports competitions (track and field, badminton, and volleyball), three artistic competitions (visual arts, improvisation, and music), two demonstration events this year (3-on-3 basketball and video), and three leadership disciplines (apprentice chefs de mission, activity organization, and media).

One of the biggest youth gatherings in Canada, the FJCF Games play a vital role in showcasing the cultural and social vitality of French-speaking youth across the country. The first two editions of the Games were held in Memramcook, New Brunswick in 1999 and Rivière-du-Loup, Québec in 2002. The 2005 Games are the first to be held in Western Canada.

The Organizing Committee, together with the FJCF, also took this opportunity to unveil the official timetable of competitions and programming for the 3rd edition of the Games.

“It will be a week chock full of activities to delight everyone,” said Diane Diane Bruyère, Chair of the Jeux de la francophonie canadienne (Winnipeg 2005) inc. Organizing Committee. “Whether you like sports, arts, or entertainment, there’s something on the agenda to make you smile. Come down and join us from July 20 to 24, 2005, and give the thirteen delegations a real Manitoba welcome.”

“The Games are much more than a competition; they are an ideal opportunity for participants to have a unique experience,” said FJCF President Rémi Léger. “In addition to all the events, they will have a unique opportunity to create lasting ties with French-speaking youth from across Canada.”

The Canadian Francophone Games (Winnipeg 2005) are presented jointly by Canadian Heritage, the Government of Manitoba, and the City of Winnipeg, and thanks to contributions from the following major partners: Caisses du Manitoba, Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface, Division scolaire franco-manitobaine and Radio-Canada.

Radio-Canada will provide national and regional coverage of the 3rd Canadian Francophone Games, and support the local organizing committee during ceremonies and by providing TV personalities to host evening events.

For additional information about the 3rd Canadian Francophone Games or to sign up as a volunteer, contact the Games Information Centre at 233-ALLÔ, or 1-800-665-4443, or visit the official website of the Games at www.jeuxfc.ca

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