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The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) came together with their colleagues from CIDA to co-host a reception for the newly arrived international scholars supported by both programmes. Once their studies are completed, scholars of both programmes will significantly contribute to the development of their respective countries on return from their studies in Canada.

## **1.22. Intercultural Tools for Trade - CD-ROM for the WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong**

In December, Hong Kong hosted thousands of representatives from around the world at the 6th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference.

Canada was well represented at the conference, sending one hundred and seventy representatives from federal, territorial and provincial governments. Three hundred participants from Canadian non-governmental organizations (NGO's) and the private sector also attended.

An interdepartmental team helped Canadian representatives prepare for the conference and provided them with on-site support in Hong Kong. The Centre for Intercultural Learning (CFSC) played a part in these preparations by producing a CD-ROM replete with intercultural resources for all members of the Canadian delegation. Canadians who travelled to Hong Kong negotiated and interacted with people from around the world. Beyond the language barrier this presented, there were also intercultural challenges that might be less obvious, but that can have a huge impact on the success of these interactions and negotiations. The CD-ROM format allowed the Centre to group a variety of tools and resources along with video clips onto one small, highly portable package.

## 1.23. Intercultures Magazine

Intercultures Magazine is an electronic quarterly that explores international issues from an intercultural perspective. Intercultures features interviews with persons from all walks of life, articles, book reviews, online intercultural tools and country-specific resources. Intercultures is published by the Centre for Intercultural Learning (CFSC).

Feature interviews over the last year included:

Christopher Alexander, Canada's first ambassador to Afghanistan

Peter Homulos, Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister at the Department of Canadian Heritage

Tariq Ramadan, Islamic scholar and named by *Time* magazine as one of the 100 most important thinkers of the 21st century

Michelle LeBaron, a world-renowned expert in the field of conflict resolution

Perrin Beatty, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

Former Canadian Ambassador Michel de Salaberry

Daniel J. Kealey, a leading specialist in the field of intercultural effectiveness

Stephanie Nolen, Globe and Mail bureau chief in Johannesburg