



Speech Module

CREATIVE CANADA:

Excellence based on ingenuity and knowledge

Canada's creative excellence is the product of a highly qualified and innovative workforce. Canada has always been committed to fostering the skills' base of our labour force and the artistic talents of our cultural community. As a result, our country has the technological know-how to compete in the information economy, and much to contribute to the world's exchange of ideas and experiences.

Canada benefits from a human resource pool consisting of a skilled and educated workforce. As a result, Canada's investment in human capital and our openness to immigration are now paying off.

Canada has the highest per capita level of enrolment in post-secondary education among OECD countries . We have 500 000 full-time and 200 000 part-time undergraduate students, and 75 000 full-time and 40 000 part-time postgraduate students. Also, 30 000 international students are enrolled in undergraduate programs in Canada's universities. Forecasters estimate that 1.3 million new jobs will be created in Canada by 2002. At least 72 percent of them will require post-secondary training. Right now, 55 percent of the labour force over the age of 25 have completed post-secondary education. Enrolment in post-secondary institutions is expected to increase by 20 percent over the next 10 years.

This is why Canada maintains a world-class network of teaching and R&D institutions. We have top-ranking educational facilities in all disciplines, including high-calibre universities and technical schools in every region of the country. For example, 18 of North America's 40 leading engineering schools are in Canada, a country with a population one tenth the size of the United States. Also, our post-secondary educational infrastructure includes large institutions of international renown such as McGill, Queen's and the University of Toronto. Canada is *the* place in which to study!

