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Getting Japan to think about Canada

o get Japan thinking more about Canada as a partner for the 21st century, the Canadian missions in Japan are gearing up for **Think Canada 2001**, a festival highlighting Canadian capabilities, to be held from March to July 2001 in locations

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long history of trade in the resource and agricultural sectors. Despite this, the Japanese do not fully understand Canada as a country with a rich

history, a diverse and dynamic multicul-

hink Canada 2001 tural society, and a vibrant arts scene, or the important role Canada plays in

the international community. And when it comes to high technology, they are even less Continued on page 10 – Think Canada



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Japan and Canada enjoy vital relationships in the arts, in global affairs and in business — including a

Hamilton wins environment award in Dubai

In a glittering ceremony last November in Dubai attended by several hundred people, including local members of the royal family and members of the United Arab Emirates Cabinet, the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth received a prestigious international award for its plans to improve air quality and adopt sustainable development strategies.

The 2000 Dubai International Award for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment recognized the Hamilton-Wentworth Air Quality Initiative (HAQI) and VISION 2020 as one of the top 10 strategies from around the world for improving a community's environment, economy, society and overall quality of life. A key consideration in winning the award is that the initiatives rely on public, private and civic sector partnerships.



From left to right: Qasim Sultan Al-Banna, Director General of Dubai Municipality, and Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al-Maktoum, President of Dubai Civil Aviation and Chairman of Emirates Airlines, presented the award to Sonya Kapusin, Policy Analyst, and Lee Ann Coveyduck, General Manager, both from Community Planning and Development with the City of Hamilton/Region of Hamilton-Wentworth.

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