

The Board of Trade kindly invites its members to participate in a round table on the theme:

"International education and exchange: The competitive edge for a global workforce"

organized by NAFSA: Association of International Educators,
the Université du Québec à Montréal,
the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Québec Universities' (CREPUQ)
and the Government of Québec

Date: February 9, 2006
Time: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The round table will be followed by a cocktail reception.

Location: Centre Pierre-Péladeau (UQÀM)
300 de Maisonneuve Boul. East, Montréal

Registration details: Please respond by January 31.
Space is limited
To register for this event, send e-mail to:
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Hosted by:

Roch Denis, President, CREPUQ, and rector, UQÀM
Marlene M. Johnson, Executive Director, NAFSA (Association of International Educators)

Moderated by:

Isabelle Hudon, President and CEO, Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal

Comments on the topic from:

Roch Denis, President, CREPUQ, and rector, UQÀM
Heather Munroe-Blum, Principal and vice-chancellor, McGill University
Charles L'italien, Vice President for Globalization, Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp.
Robert Racine, Partner, Kenniff & Racine, Executive Search

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We hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to dialogue with leaders from academe and the private sector, while networking with business and higher education colleagues from the city and the region.

Québec's institutions of higher education are committed to providing all students global skills or global literacy – which are prerequisites for succeeding in a global economy and workforce acquired through cross-cultural living and learning. NAFSA, the premier association of individuals worldwide advancing international education and exchange, has made Global Workforce Development central to their mission (www.nafsa.org/GWD).

All of us – educators and business – need to find common ground in the mission to shape and support the vanguard of the twenty-first century global workforce. The Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Québec Universities' (CREPUQ), the Government of Québec and Industry Canada are pleased to collaborate in this critical discussion with NAFSA. NAFSA will also highlight its upcoming 58th Annual Conference, which will be held in Montréal May 21-26, 2006. Every year NAFSA hosts the largest conference in international education which attracts more than 7,500 international educators from some 90 countries. International students' expenditures for their education in Canada amounted to some \$5 billion dollars per year. The NAFSA Conference will highlight Montréal as a global city and a very popular destination for international students.

Please share this invitation with other senior-level faculty/administrators on your campus and in your organizations, including your president/CEO, staff involved with economic and workforce development issues, etc. Teams from your school/organization are certainly welcome to attend.



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