LAUNCH OF THE SCOTTISH-CANADIAN ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

Dear all,

It is with much enthusiasm that the Scottish Government Office in Canada and the University of Guelph's Centre for Scottish Studies announce the <u>Scottish-Canadian Academic Partnership</u>, or S-CAP.

S-CAP underscores the enduring relationship between Scotland and Canada – which is demonstrated today through a multitude of shared values and interests in global challenges. With ties between our nations as strong as ever, the launch of S-CAP contributes to broader efforts to strengthen our relationship by:

- promoting communication between scholars with mutual research interests;
- highlighting their research to the wider community; and
- bringing experts together to nurture new research agendas across a broad range of disciplines.

Perhaps one of the best examples of Scotland's collaboration with Canada is in exceptional teaching and research. Not only are we proud of our academic institutions; we also take pride in our aspiration to build educational links and partnerships globally. <u>Scotland's International Strategy</u> highlights a desire to deepen ties with key partners, like Canada, for both Scotland's benefit and that of its international counterparts – and through the launch of the <u>Scottish Connections Framework</u>, the Scottish Government welcomes diaspora networks around the world to join Scotland's <u>Global</u> <u>Community</u>. We hope that S-CAP can provide you, your organisation, and your colleagues with an extraordinary forum to deepen these international Scottish Connections.

Our nascent partnership also represents an opportunity to inspire a new generation of Scots and Canadians alike. We are thrilled to share that S-CAP will facilitate a visiting scholar scheme – an initiative that will see the appointment of a scholar who exemplifies the innovative research generation that we are building between our countries. Please keep abreast of this distribution list for further details on the official launch of our S-CAP Visiting Scholar Scheme – and the activities associated with it, of which we hope you will be a part.

We are excited about the future direction of S-CAP and look forward to exploring how we can work together with you to make this programme a success and deliver meaningful and sustainable collaboration between Scotland and Canada in the academic sector. Thank you for your unique role and commitment in strengthening these ties.

Kindest regards,

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