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Governor General and Chief Justice Among Participants in Orientation Program for new MPs and Senators

OTTAWA, January 18, 2022- Over two dozen of Canada's newest MPs and Senators are attending EngageParlDiplo orientation program January 18 and 19.

"Your House, Your Time: Making it Count" is a comprehensive orientation program for new Parliamentarians. It is designed to introduce Canada's policymakers to essential institutions and actors and policy issues that will shape the way they approach governing. During the event, legislators will have the opportunity to converse with a broad range of Canadian leaders and thought leaders, including the Governor General, the Interim Clerk of the Privy Council, the Chief Justice of Canada, the Chief Statistician and many more.

Hosted by the Parliamentary Centre and Carleton University, the program was established in 2011 and has welcomed hundreds of parliamentarians, staffers and diplomats. This year's edition will be held in virtual format.

The Parliamentary Centre is Canada's global leader for democracy. It is Canada's most experienced non-profit organization dedicated to supporting inclusive democratic institutions and advancing principled foreign policy.

Carleton University is one of the most comprehensive and diverse educational institutions in Canada. It is also home to more than 31,000 full- and part-time students, and over 2,200 faculty and staff.

EngageParlDiplo proudly recognizes and thanks Air Canada, CN, Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA), Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC), Manulife, Nutrien, Suncor, TELUS, TD, and Toyota for their generous support to the EngageParlDiplo program.

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“We are grateful for the unprecedented number of institutions, organizations, senior leaders, decision-makers and thought leaders who are devoting their resources, time and thought to make this a unique opportunity for new parliamentarians.”

Maureen Boyd, Chair of the Parliamentary Centre and Founding Director, Carleton Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement

“At a time when democracy is facing unprecedented challenges in many parts of the world, it is reassuring to see the commitment of Canada's public and private sectors to ensuring that our legislators are prepared to undertake their important work on our behalf.”

Tom Cormier, CEO, Parliamentary Centre

“Carleton University is pleased to continue its longstanding partnership with The Parliamentary Centre. Our common commitment to advancing dialogue on policies issues and understanding of democratic practices and institutions come together nicely in the EngageParlDiplo Initiative.”

Dean Brenda O'Neill, Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University

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