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Yukon government announces winner of 2015 Environmental Stewardship Award

WHITEHORSE –Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko presented the Environmental Stewardship Award today to a Yukon government employee who has made a real difference to her workplace.

"Congratulations to Tomoko Hagio for her outstanding efforts to be environmentally conscious in the workplace," Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko said. "On behalf of the Yukon government, thank you to everyone who makes the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the very real impact that climate change is having in the North."

Organized by the Yukon government's Climate Change Secretariat, the annual Environmental Stewardship Award celebrates a government employee who makes the effort to achieve a more environmentally sustainable workplace.

Hagio works at the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. She was selected as this year's winner for her personal efforts to advance the Yukon government's climate change goals including:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions by biking to and from work regardless of temperature or weather;
- designing an education session for her colleagues to encourage more use of public transit, better re-use of items and the use of more efficient lighting in the office; and
- reducing waste by maintaining her office recycling program.

Minister Istchenko made the presentation at the Yukon government's Public Service Week barbecue. Six Yukon government employees were nominated for this year's award.

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