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Yukoner is a world leader in promoting skills

WHITEHORSE—Education Minister Scott Kent and Skills Canada-Yukon President Julien Plourde are offering their congratulations to Stephanie Churchill on her election as official WorldSkills delegate for Canada.

"Stephanie Churchill is a very capable and credible leader who has volunteered for more than a decade, promoting excellence in trades and supporting youth at the local, national and international levels," Kent said. "Our community is pleased to have a Yukoner among the leaders at the WorldSkills official delegates' table."

WorldSkills is a nonprofit organization that hosts international skilled trade competitions every other year. Its purpose is to promote excellence in skilled trades and technologies, share best practices and promote public policy to support advancement of trades and technology.

"Skills Canada Yukon has been privileged to have Stephanie Churchill as a champion of skilled trades and technology. She epitomizes the very best our organization has to offer by repeatedly asking what is best for the youth and apprentices we serve," Executive Director of Skills Canada Yukon Dan Curtis said. "The amazing success of our Yukon students and apprentices is due in large part to the dedication and leadership Stephanie has shown over the years. Our organization is extremely proud of Stephanie for her appointment as Canadian delegate of WorldSkills International."

Churchill's volunteer work has ranged from serving as a skills mentor, national technical committee member, Skills Canada Yukon president and volunteer.

"We are proud to have Stephanie Churchill represent Canada at the WorldSkills' table. She has advocated for Skills Canada for a number of years in numerous roles including as a judge and national board member and that experience will be invaluable as she works with the official delegates from 56 member countries and regions," Chief Executive Officer of Skills Canada, Shaun Thorson said.

The next WorldSkills competition will be in Leipzig, Germany in 2013, but Churchill will be travelling this May to Jeju, Korea, for a general assembly. At that event, official delegates, technical committee members, global industry partners, competition champions, and a youth panel will meet to discuss and further develop plans for the WorldSkills organization and future competitions.

For more information about WorldSkills visit the official website.

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