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MEDIA ADVISORY

Special Citizenship Ceremony at Rideau Hall

OTTAWA (ON) - In conjunction with national Citizenship Week celebrations, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, will welcome new Canadians at a special citizenship ceremony at Rideau Hall. The Governor General will be the presiding official administering the Oath of Citizenship and conferring citizenship certificates to 54 new Canadians from 29 countries. He will be joined by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, former Governor General of Canada and ICC co-chair.

Prior to the citizenship ceremony at Rideau Hall, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship, in partnership with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, will hold a community roundtable discussion as part of its ongoing discussion series. These unique ICC-facilitated sessions aim to further strengthen the connection between new Canadian citizens and their communities.

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D

WHEN: Monday, October 17, 2011

9:15 AM Roundtable discussions
10:30 AM Citizenship ceremony

WHERE: Rideau Hall
1 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A1

GUEST SPEAKER: The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is a national, non-profit organization that engages Canadians in citizenship through innovative programs, campaigns and partnerships designed to ensure new citizens are welcomed and included as equals, to create meaningful connections among all Canadian citizens, to foster a culture of active, engaged citizens and to celebrate what it means to be Canadian. Our Building Citizenship program brings together new and established Canadians at community citizenship ceremonies; our Cultural Access Pass (CAP), generously supported by the Canadian Museums Association and the RBC Foundation, offers new citizens the chance to visit more than 600 attractions across Canada for free for a full year from the time they're sworn in; and our annual LaFontaine-Baldwin Symposium fosters a debate on the future of Canada's civic culture. The ICC was founded and is co-chaired by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. The ICC is supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). For more information, visit www.icc-icc.ca.

For further information on *Citizenship Week 2011*, please visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/celebrate/citweek.asp>.

Media wishing to cover the roundtable discussion and citizenship ceremony at Rideau Hall must confirm their attendance with the Rideau Hall Press Office at (613) 998-7280.

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