

## For Immediate Release

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### **PHOTO-VIDEO OP- Justin P. J. Trudeau Brings the Excitement of Katimavik – Canada’s Leading National Youth Volunteer-Service Program – to 650 Toronto High School Students**

**Toronto, ON** – Justin Trudeau will be in Toronto on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to speak with senior high school students at Riverdale Collegiate Institute at 10:45 a.m. on behalf of Katimavik, Canada’s leading national youth volunteer-service program. As Chair of Katimavik’s Board of Directors, Trudeau will be addressing these young Torontonians at a time when they are facing important life decisions and informing them about the unparalleled growth experience Katimavik offers. Katimavik is a chance to embark on an exciting nine-month journey of self-discovery which provides young Canadians with the opportunity to gain valuable life and work skills through volunteering and living in three different communities across Canada.

**Who:** Justin Trudeau, Chair of the Katimavik Board of Directors

**What:** Justin Trudeau introducing Toronto senior high school students to Katimavik, Canada’s leading national youth service program

**When:** March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. (Speech)  
11:15 – 11:45 a.m. (Q&A with students)

**Where:** Riverdale Collegiate Institute  
1094 Gerrard Street East (Gerrard St. East and Jones St.)  
Auditorium

**Photo-Op:** Justin speaking to a packed auditorium of 650 senior high school students and providing inspirational answers to their questions about their plans for the future

#### **About Katimavik**

Katimavik offers youth between the ages of 17 and 21 an exciting nine-month journey of self-discovery in three different regions of Canada. The program is based on the concept of service learning, which integrates both personal and professional development through volunteer work on community projects. In addition to working 35 hours a week on community projects participants benefit from a learning program that focuses on developing leadership skills, official languages proficiency, a healthy lifestyle, cultural discoveries and protecting the environment. Each Katimavik participant contributes an average of 900 hours of community work to partner organizations. Since 1977, more than 25,000 young Canadians have participated in the Katimavik program, developing their sense of civic responsibility and gaining self-confidence. Katimavik’s goal is to form responsible citizens who will contribute significantly to Canadian society.

#### **Katimavik: a solid foundation for Canadian youth**

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