

Toronto Conference Unites Students, Business Leaders From Across the Country to Promote Global Internships.

(Toronto-Markham, May 7, 2008) For most of us, summer promises a break from office routine or studying mayhem, but for people in AIESEC Canada it is a different story. This May, AIESEC members from all over Canada and a number of representatives from well-recognized organizations will get together for the annual National Leadership Development Conference 2008 to drive global internships, promote leadership development in youth and celebrate AIESEC's 50th Anniversary.

AIESEC, the world's largest international youth-run organization, is present in 100 countries and seeks to develop professionally excellent, globally responsible leaders, primarily through global internships. The conference, taking place from May 7th to 11th, 2008, will channel the collective energies of 300 determined and motivated students from 27 universities across Canada, all aimed at having an impact in this world. They will be provided with a chance to network both with renowned community leaders, develop their leadership skills, receive functional training for their roles within AIESEC, and learn about pressing international issues.

The conference will take place in Toronto-Markham Holiday Inn and will open with a global village that highlights AIESEC's commitment to internationalism. This evening will bring together over 20 countries in one night, giving them a chance to showcase their ethnic and cultural heritage through performances and a variety of display booths.

NLDC 2008 will also feature the launch of a microfinance initiative in which 10 AIESEC members will be sent to Bangladesh to work for the Grameen Bank. The Birks Family Foundation will sponsor the initiative. Several reputed NGO's and corporations will be in attendance as well.

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