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College wins award

Co-op program known as 'best kept secret'

THE Asia Pacific Management Cooperative Program (APMCP) at Capilano College is this year's winner of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges' (ACCC) Program Excellence Award.

The ACCC awards are presented annually in six categories: staff, teaching, program, student leadership, administration, and internationalization excellence.

"The departures that the APMCP has made in education are important ones," says program coordinator Scott MacLeod. "We've always felt that we have been a 'best kept secret,' so it's gratifying to receive affirmation from a wider audience that we're doing a good job."

The APMCP is celebrating its 10th anniversary

this year. Since 1987, it has placed approximately 250 associates who came to the program to study management skills and gain practical experience in international business and languages. More than 97% of its students have completed assignments in 14 Asian countries. Most of the graduates remain in Asia for at least three years after the completion of their placement period.

"It is a testament to the program, its management, staff, trainees, alumni supporters and co-op employers that they have combined to make the Asia Pacific Management Program into one of the most successful management cooperative programs in Canada," says Tremain Tanner, a 1987 APMCP alumnus and president and founder of Tanner International Consulting, based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "The 10-year legacy of the program is that with vision, determination and a lot of hard work from talented people, Canada's place in the 'Asia Pacific Century' is measurably more certain and secure."