

Cap's APMCP chalks up another award

CAPILANO College's Asia Pacific Management Cooperative Program (APMCP) earned educational acclaim once again by winning the Outstanding Program Award for the year 2000 from the Canadian Bureau for International Education.

CBIE board director, Catherine Vertesi, presented the award to the College's dean of International Programs, John Potts, and to APMCP coordinator, Cam Sylvester, at a gala ceremony held in November during CBIE's annual conference in Montreal. Also present, was Dr. Greg Lee, president of both CBIE and Capilano College.

"I've only been involved in the program since 1995," Potts said. "It has been successful because it has been built by the efforts of a significant number of people beginning in 1989. Cam and I were in the very fortunate position of being the two in Montreal to receive the award which recognizes the

work of many.

"This program was the first in Canada to look to Asia and place young people there in management positions," he continued. "It was unique then and today it has more experience than any other college or university in Canada in preparing young people to work abroad."

The announcement comes on the heels of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Hugette Labelle award honouring excellence in youth programming, which was presented to APMCP this past October.

"The APMCP creates the opportunities and the capacity for good people to make good decisions in whatever sector they work in, be it private, public or not-for-profit in an international environment," Sylvester said.

The award-winning APMCP is at the forefront of training managers for international careers and represents a promising future for management education.

Now entering its 14th year, the APMCP (along with the newly created Latin American Management Program), represents a joint partnership involving the

Canadian and British Columbia governments, Capilano College, international and Canadian employers, donors, and students.

A wide range of candidates for the APMCP are selected from across Canada and around the world to bring diverse backgrounds to the classroom.

Nine months of academic studies on campus are combined with a one-year paid work term in Asia. The internship is with companies, non-profit organizations, and government agencies, and includes Canadian multinationals, indigenous corporations and international companies.

Many APMCP graduates have remained in international work well beyond their internship year and are becoming leaders in the international activities of numerous Canadian enterprises. The alumni network of more than 400 associates is working in 14 Asian countries, in North America, Europe and Africa.

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