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Niagara College launches first ever Incubation Centre for International Students

(Nov. 28, 2023) / Niagara Falls., Ont.: Ontario's Minister of Colleges and Universities, Jill Dunlop, officially inaugurated Niagara College's International Students' Incubation Centre (NCISIC). The launch occurred today at the Marriot on the Falls hotel during the College's annual Gala.

The Centre comes under the college's #NCCares initiative, which offers numerous student support services for international students. NCISIC aims to incubate international students with innovative business ideas with comprehensive guidance, infrastructure and grants up to \$1.5 million.

"We take great pride in our international students as they are great contributors to Ontario's and Canada's workforce," said Dunlop. "Congratulations and well done to Niagara College on commencing a milestone initiative, which I am sure will inspire many other organizations. NCISIC has our support."

"We at NC truly care for our international students, and the NCISIC aims to help them hit the ground running upon graduation, said Sean Kennedy, President of Niagara College. "With the assistance of our highly-experienced staff, partners and the government of Ontario, our students will thrive in their businesses and continue to contribute to society, because it's all about applied dreams at NC."

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Canada is known as one of the favourite study destinations in the world. However, rising living costs and tuition can be exceedingly challenging for international learners.

NC aims to help its international students through this new state-of-the-art Centre. The Centre will comprise comprehensive workspaces and brainstorming zones and offer regular counselling sessions. Guidance services will start when students arrive on campus for orientation, allowing them ample time to prepare their business plans throughout their program.

Businesses, investors interested in partnering with NCISIC may reach out at ncisic@niagaracollege.ca

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