

**ALGONQUIN COLLEGE LAUNCHES
SCHOOL IN CHINA**

Ottawa, ON, MARCH 28, 2002: Algonquin College President Robert Gillett signed a Letter of Intent today with Yu Min Hong, President of New Oriental School, to offer Algonquin College's two-year Computer Programmer program in Beijing, China. This is a preliminary document leading up to the official May 8 signing of an agreement between Algonquin College and New Oriental School.

"We are pleased to sign this agreement with New Oriental School," says President Gillett. "This mutually beneficial partnership will see upwards of 600 students taking Algonquin College's Computer Programmer program in Beijing this Fall, with a future potential of 10,000 students studying several programs in seven cities across China."

Algonquin's Computer Programmer program is designed to train students in computer programming methodologies and languages. Emphasis is given to program analysis and design and the use of graphical user interfaces. Students also gain knowledge in basic business principles and procedures.

"I am quite pleased that Algonquin has been chosen to deliver our Computer Programmer program in China," says Morris Uremovich, Dean of the School of Advanced Technology. "This exciting new joint venture involves Algonquin College professors delivering Algonquin's two-year Computer Programmer program on site at the New Oriental School's Beijing Campus. Algonquin's technology programs are a perfect fit for this technology centre." Uremovich also feels that Algonquin's computer training is the perfect fit for Beijing's booming technology sector.

Founded in 1993, New Oriental School is the largest private post-secondary educational institution in all of China, and graduates approximately 250,000 students each year from foreign language training and 2000 students from computer-related training. Located in China's northeastern Hebei province, Beijing has a population of 12.8 million and is home to more than 20 of the world's top 100 high-tech firms. During the first seven months of last year, Beijing's high-tech industry generated 11.7

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billion yuan (US \$1.4 billion). New Oriental School has campuses located throughout China's major centres, including Shanghai and Chengdu.

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