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International Trade Minister Ed Fast Visits ILSC New Delhi for New Campus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

NEW DELHI, India (November 4, 2011) – ILSC New Delhi welcomed a visit today from the Honourable Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway. The Minister began a seven-day trade mission to India on November 3rd, which includes a focus on educational partnerships between Canada and India. While in Delhi, the Minister attended the opening of ILSC New Delhi's new campus which specializes in training teachers of English and educating students in English as a second language.

“Education is at the heart of economic growth and prosperity in today’s knowledge-based economy,” said Minister Fast. “Strengthening Canada’s people to people ties in high-growth, priority markets and expanding the delivery of Canadian knowledge and expertise around the world via partnerships between Canadian and international education institutions contributes to economic growth and prosperity in India and Canada alike.”

ILSC’s new campus in New Delhi is partially funded by the Government of Canada. This is the first time a Canadian school has delivered Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) training in India. The objective of the program is to standardize the training available to English teachers and to ensure consistent, quality instruction.

“Our government is proud to assist schools in India achieve meaningful and practical results in education,” said Minister Fast. “From our long history of collaboration with India, and through the excellence of our educational programs and institutions, we are helping hardworking people become better educated and, by extension, more prosperous.”

“Education has always been key to improving peoples’ opportunities for meaningful livelihoods,” said Richard Novek, ILSC’s Director of Operations. “Our ultimate goal is to help Indians, along with offering special programs for young, disadvantaged Indian women, to secure jobs which increase their quality of life and that of their families. The Government of Canada was instrumental in helping us to achieve this objective,” he added.

The ILSC teacher training program in New Delhi is modeled on programs offered at ILSC’s Vancouver and Toronto schools, which provide certification for teachers of English. ILSC received funding through Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada’s Investment Cooperation Program.

Boilerplate: Founded in Vancouver, Canada, ILSC Education Group (formerly known as International Language Schools of Canada) is a private education company offering language training, vocational training, teacher training, corporate training and continuing studies programs in 7 cities around the world, including New Delhi, India. ILSC Education Group offers a student-centred approach to learning, and tailors its programs to meet student needs. For more information about ILSC Education Group, please see <http://www.ilsc.com>

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