



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt greetings to the graduates of TeKnoWave – Canada's 1<sup>st</sup> National Aboriginal IT Training Program, during the First Graduation Reception Gala on November 4, 2004.

The prosperity we enjoy as a nation is due in large part to the quality of education and training we offer our fresh and invigorating minds of tomorrow. This remarkable program offers significant technical and managerial opportunities to the First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations all across Canada. Indeed, by increasing Aboriginal employment in the technology, business and sustainable energy sectors, this wonderful initiative will help place our country on the true path to achievement.

Indeed, as graduates of TeKnoWave, you can take great pride in your dedication to the pursuit of excellence in your chosen field of study. I am certain that the formal education and training you have received will only help you achieve your professional and personal aspirations. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate all of you for your hard work, and wish you every success in the future.

Please accept my warmest regards and best wishes for a most memorable graduation gala.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul Martin".

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