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The Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation and the University of Ottawa agree to intensify collaboration efforts

OTTAWA, November 8, 2012 – The Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation (CSTMC) and the University of Ottawa have taken an already strong relationship a step further by signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to foster even greater teamwork between the two institutions.

Further collaboration between the two institutions opens promising new areas of cooperation, which may include University participation in public programming activities at the CSTMC's museums, a greater presence of assets from the CSTMC's rich collections at the University, and possible internships for University students and researchers who make use of the CSTMC's resources and expertise.

The University of Ottawa will also be inviting the CSTMC to assess its interest in acquiring for the national collection materials of historical significance marked for disposal, such as scientific equipment, prototypes and other relevant materials. The CSTMC will also look to increase of the University's participation in public education programming, whether as guest presenters, as hosts, or in other such roles.

Examples of previous collaborative partnership between the two institutions include CSTMC Curators offering artefact seminars at the University of Ottawa's Department of History, and University of Ottawa Engineering students designing



a human-sized hamster wheel featured in the *Energy: Power to Choose* exhibition currently at the Canada Science and Technology Museum, to name but a few.

“We have always had a remarkable relationship with the University of Ottawa, which is an exceptional institution of higher learning,” said CSTMC CEO Denise Amyot. “Today’s agreement will help structure our joint efforts even further, and allow us to fulfill our common goal – the transmission of knowledge – even better than before.”

“Working directly with the museums like this will offer our students a unique experience. The research and learning opportunities will enable them to broaden their knowledge in a dynamic, exciting environment. Our university is strongly oriented towards the future and our special relationships with these national institutions will make us stand out even more,” said Allan Rock, president and vice-chancellor of the University of Ottawa.

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