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Educators encouraged to renew focus on Language Revitalization as Circle of Knowledge and Practices Conference 2016 wraps up

More than 600 attendees at the Circle of Knowledge & Practices Conference, held October 6 to 7 under the theme “Language Revitalization: An Elder’s Vision,” were exposed to unique and innovative perspectives to renew and preserve First Nations’ language.

The conference, organized by the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC), is an alternative to mainstream education conferences for Indigenous educators, those working in First Nations schools, and educators from the province’s various school divisions.

“Within our communities and education system, we know that language, culture and education is so very important to our children's future and to the self determination of our communities across MKO territory,” said Grand Chief Sheila North Wilson of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO). “With that and in all of our roles, we must continue to support and ensure students are provided with the resources and tools in their education and are strengthened in their Indigenous identity.”

“It has been an honour and a privilege to host, for the 16th consecutive year, the educators and the leadership of Manitoba’s First Nations schools,” said Lorne C. Keeper, Executive Director of the MFNERC. “Our languages and cultures are the basis for continuing to strengthen student identity and our collective identity.”

The conference featured interactive workshops, a book launch, a film festival, a trade show and several activities geared towards improving First Nations education.

About MFNERC

The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. provides the province’s leading education, administration, technology, language and culture services to First Nations schools in Manitoba.

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