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CARRY THE KETTLE FIRST NATION STEPS INTO A PROMISING NEW VENTURE WITH PFRA THROUGH THE FSIN SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM

A thrilling new partnership has been created through the FSIN Summer Science Program that in the coming years will put First Nations people at the forefront of protecting Mother Earth and the development of agriculture ventures that could bring new vitality to communities.

This year's Summer Science theme is Traditional Knowledge and Dryland Ecosystems - this theme will be celebrated at Carry the Kettle First Nation by the creation of a project that links the First Nation with the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) and the SaskPower Shand Greenhouse.

These partners will join together to plant a one-acre tree orchard full of Chokecherry and Saskatoon berry bushes. Planting will begin in the spring of 2007. PFRA and SaskPower Shand Greenhouse are donating the seedlings and they will provide the tree planters and assist with the design and layout.

FSIN First Vice-Chief Morley Watson will launch the project alongside Carry the Kettle Chief Elvis Hotomanie on **Wednesday, August 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Nakota Oyate Education Center** located on the Carry the Kettle First Nation which is 125 kms east of Regina on Highway #1 to Sintaluta and then turn south at the Carry the Kettle First Nation sign and go 12 km.

Samoan Traditional Island dancers will perform at the launch ceremony and they will honor Vice-Chief Watson who heads the FSIN Education and Training Portfolio and Carry the Kettle Chief Hotomanie with a gift and dance. The presence of the Samoan dancers reflects International Traditional Knowledge and sharing between Indigenous peoples. The project has also received UNESCO patronage.

Media are welcome to join this celebration of bright new partnerships. FSIN and PFRA hope to build on this first step in the future by possibly planting more orchards, tree planting in community parks or providing guidance to help First Nations protect their waterways with plants that purify fresh water.

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