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DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM, SPORT AND ARTS APPOINTED

VICTORIA – Today the Government has appointed a new Deputy Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

Bruce Okabe comes to the provincial public service from a successful career in the private sector. He has held several executive level positions at Telus, most recently Vice President of business solutions. His business experience together with a successful sales and marketing background and sound organizational and senior leadership skills are ideally suited to advance the priorities of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

In addition to strong business acumen, Mr. Okabe is active in his community and holds several directorships, including the 2009 World Police and Fire Games, the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation and the Vancouver Community Foundation. He is a graduate of the Ivey Business School's Executive Development Program and the British Columbia Institute of Technology's Marketing Management Program.

Mr. Okabe replaces former Deputy Minister Virginia Greene who was recently appointed Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations. He assumes his new position effective May 15, 2006.

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