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**PREMIERS MCGUINTY AND CHAREST TOGETHER
AT ONTARIO ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

Toronto: The Premiers of Ontario and Quebec will join together to discuss the economy and their efforts to strengthen internal trade at the 5th annual Ontario Economic Summit (OES), an initiative of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Premiers Dalton McGuinty and Jean Charest will participate in the summit's closing luncheon. It will be a rare opportunity for leaders in business, labour, non-governmental organizations and academia to hear the leaders of Canada's two most populous provinces in conversation.

"As interprovincial trade, particularly between Ontario and Quebec, increases in importance for our economy, we're very pleased that the Premiers have agreed to appear together at the summit," explains Len Crispino, President & CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. "Obstacles to trade along the vital Ontario-Quebec trade corridor are limiting the domestic growth of many firms and thwarting their efforts to build globally competitive businesses. The OES provides an important connection to the private sector and a useful forum for the Premiers to discuss their efforts to break down trade and labour barriers."

Also speaking at the summit for the first time will be National Chief Phil Fontaine, Assembly of First Nations. Fontaine will deliver a keynote address on the topic of planning for the workforce of the future. As National Chief, he's charged with improving the lives of First Nations people across Canada.

The Ontario Economic Summit (OES) takes place from September 30th – October 2nd in Niagara-on-the-Lake. It will examine ways for Ontario to reinvent, rethink and renew in order to strengthen the province's economic resilience. In addition, the OES will examine the critical issue of energy conservation and innovation.

Other speakers will include:

- John Tory, Leader of the PC Party of Ontario;
- Robert Shiller, Yale Economics Professor and Author of "Irrational Exuberance" and "The Subprime Solution";
- Stephen Lewis, Advocate on Social Justice; and,
- Thomas Homer-Dixon, Global Affairs Expert and bestselling author of "The Upside of Down" and "The Ingenuity Gap".

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