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Minister Pat Bell Speaks at Launch of Mentoring Program for Technology Professionals



Hon. Pat Bell (center) looks on as Kelly Pollack, Executive Director, IEC-BC (left) and John Leech, Executive Director, ASTTBC (right) sign the MOA at the August 15th Luncheon

ASTTBC and the Immigrant Employment Council of BC (IEC-BC) signed an agreement which will see the two collaborating in offering a mentoring scheme to technology professionals. The IEC-BC is leading the delivery of a mentoring program and ASTTBC is the first professional association to join in a partnership with IEC-BC.

Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, Pat Bell (MLA for Prince George - Mackenzie) was on hand to witness the ceremony. The Minister extended his thanks to IEC-BC and ASTTBC for taking the lead on the program. *"ASTTBC is pleased to work with IEC-BC in offering mentoring to newly arrived immigrants,"* said Executive Director John Leech who signed the Agreement for ASTTBC. *"I also extend our thanks to Minister Bell for taking the time out of his busy schedule to join almost 100 attendees from various immigration, education, trades and industry associations. It was a great day and an important milestone as ASTTBC strives to enable Internationally Trained Professionals achieve credential recognition and build new careers in BC."*