

NICE, France, Sept. 15, 2013 /CNW/ - The Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister for La Francophonie and head of the Canadian delegation to the VII Games of La Francophonie, and the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, today extended their congratulations to Canadian athletes and artists on their success at the Games.

"On behalf of a proud nation, I would like congratulate all the participants for their hard work, dedication and performance at this year's Games," said Minister Paradis. "These Games were a win for Canada and the world, as an occasion to celebrate our youth, our heritage and our cultural diversity."

The Canadian delegation in Nice brought home a total of 61 medals. Team Canada won a total of 15 gold, 14 silver, and 14 bronze medals. Team Canada-Québec finished with 1 gold, 6 silver, and 5 bronze, and Team Canada-New Brunswick earned 1 silver, and 5 bronze.

"Once again, the talent and skill of young Canadians have brought honour to their country," said Minister Glover. "The artists and athletes, along with their coaches and the entire mission team, deserve our warmest congratulations. We are all extremely proud of the success they have achieved on the international stage."

The Games of La Francophonie, which took place from September 7 to 15, featured both sport and cultural competitions. They provided participants with the opportunity to celebrate the French language and international Francophone reality, as well as cultural diversity and sporting excellence: values dear to Canadians.

The member states and governments of La Francophonie will meet again at the next Games of La Francophonie, which will be held in 2017 in Côte d'Ivoire.

For more information on Team Canada's participation in the Games, visit [www.pch.gc.ca/gamesoflafrancophonie](http://www.pch.gc.ca/gamesoflafrancophonie)

**Backgrounder Finals Results**

Team Canada athletes and artists VII Games of La Francophonie

Name	City/Province	Discipline	Event	
Vanessa Joyce-Brown	Burnaby, B.C.	Wrestling	51kg	Gold
Michelle Fazzari	London, ONT.	Wrestling	59kg	Gold
Michael Asselstine	Edmonton, ALTA.	Wrestling	60kg	Gold
Dannielle Lappage	London, ONT.	Wrestling	63kg	Gold
Sunny Dhinsa	Coquitlam, B.C.	Wrestling	120kg	Gold
Sergio Pessoa	Brossard, QUE.	Judo	60kg	Gold
Kelita Zupancic	Montreal, QUE.	Judo	70kg	Gold
Sekou Kaba	Ottawa, ONT.	Athletics	110m Hurdles	Gold
Derek Drouin	Corunna, ONT.	Athletics	High Jump	Gold
Crystal Emmanuel	Toronto, ONT.	Athletics	200m	Gold
Segun Makinde	Ottawa, ONT.	Athletics	200m	Gold
Jared Connaughton	Dorval, QUE.	Athletics	4x100m Relay	Gold
Krista Woodward	New Westminister, B.C.	Athletics	Javelin Throw	Gold
Guillaume Corbeil	Montréal, QUE.	Culture	Literature (short story)	Gold
Stéphane Guertin	Ottawa, ONT.	Culture	Storytelling	Gold
Cleopas Ncube	Montréal, QUE.	Wrestling	74kg	Silver
Riley Otto	Edmonton, ALTA.	Wrestling	96kg	Silver
Steven Takahashi	London, ONT.	Wrestling	55kg	Silver
Antoine Valois-Fortier	Montréal, QUE.	Judo	81kg	Silver
Patrick Gagné	Lemoine, QUE.	Judo	66kg	Silver
Noelle Montcalm	Belle River, ONT.	Athletics	400m Hurdles	Silver
Shawnacy Barber	Toronto, ONT.	Athletics	Pole Vault	Silver
Evan Dunfee	Richmond, B.C.	Athletics	20km	Silver
Dontae Richards-Kwok	Mississauga, ONT.	Athletics	100m	Silver
Melissa Bishop	Windsor, ONT.	Athletics	4x100m Relay	Silver
Adrienne Pons	Montréal, QUE.	Culture	Original Dance	Silver
Jason Wurster	Toronto, ONT.	Athletics	Pole Vault	Silver
Madelaine Buttinger	Waterloo, ONT.	Athletics	Heptathlon	Silver
Curtis Moss	Burnaby, B.C.	Athletics	Javelin Throw	Silver
maribe - sors de ce corps	Montréal, QUE.	Culture	Original Dance	Silver
Brianne Barry	Montréal, QUE.	Wrestling	55kg	Bronze
Jasmine Mian	Abbotsford, B.C.	Wrestling	48kg	Bronze
Alexander Brown-Theriault	Calgary, ALTA.	Wrestling	84kg	Bronze
Alexis Morin-Martel	Montréal, QUE.	Judo	73kg	Bronze
Catherine Beauchemin-Stadler	Stadler, QUE.	Judo	57kg	Bronze
Ana Portuondo	La Prairie, QUE.	Judo	78kg	Bronze
Tim Nedow	Seguin, ONT.	Athletics	Shot Put	Bronze
Ingvar Moseley	Pickering, ONT.	Athletics	110m Hurdles	Bronze

# Government of Canada Congratulates the Athletes and Artists Taking Part in the VII Games of La Francophonie

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Michelle Theophile	Whitby, ONT.	Athletics	High Jump	Bronze
Heather Hamilton	Toronto, ONT.	Athletics	Pole Vault	Bronze
Melissa Bishop	Windsor, ONT.	Athletics	800m	Bronze
Shai-Anne Davis	Toronto, ONT.	Athletics	100m	Bronze
Christabel Nettey	Surrey, B.C.	Athletics	Long Jump	Bronze
Curtis Thom	Mississauga, ONT.	Athletics	Para-athletics 400m	Bronze
<b>Total : 43 médailles</b>				
TiND	Montréal, QUE.	Culture	Digital Creation (demonstration)	Bronze

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