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MEETING "Shitashkunakanu teueikan"

A STRATEGIC MEETING FOR THE FUTURE

23 February 2023 | Tshakapesh Institute to host high-level strategic meeting for the future and heritage of the Innu Nation, as it will draw together the Elders and Innu representatives at their request, in the framework of knowledge loss, particularly for caribou and teueikan. This event will take place from March 13 to 16, 2023 in Uashat mak Mani-utenam.

"Shitashkunakanu teueikan" means stretching the caribou's skin on a teueikan frame.

The specific goal is to bring together Elders from communities that hold ancestors knowledge related to Papakassiku, the caribou master, and discuss treatment issues about caribou and its uses such as teueikan, legends, traditional games, dreams, its contribution to clothing, snowshoes, etc. The event also aims to transmit this knowledge to the future generations. All exchanges will be in Innu Aimun only, with no interpreters, so that Elders can speak freely and address sacred and sensitive subjects.

The animation will allow exchanges with participants on-site or in virtual mode.

All logistic details will be communicated shortly, especially for observers who would be interested in participating, including the official invitation of the official spokespersons of the event.

The Tshakapesh Institute has been present for 45 years!

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