Ryerson University Launches Certificate in Sustainability

On Monday, May 25th, President Sheldon Levy and The Honourable George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and provincial Minister of Energy and Infrastructure for the Province of Ontario, officially announced a new Certificate in Sustainability starting this fall at The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education at Ryerson University and celebrated the awarding of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification to Ryerson’s South Bond Building.

Julia Hanigsberg, Interim Dean of The Chang School, explained that “the Certificate was developed as a six-course, cross-disciplinary program that demonstrates the interdependence of social, environmental, and economic development recognizing there’s no one academic discipline in sustainability. Rather, sustainability is a set of tools, knowledge, a way of thinking, and an ethic that can be added to all occupations.”

Minister Smitherman expressed strong support for the University’s approach to sustainability. "Ryerson is demonstrating leadership in environmental stewardship," he said. “The launch of a new Certificate in Sustainability program will develop future workers with the training and skills that will be absolutely necessary in Ontario’s new green economy."

For more information on the Certificate in Sustainability, please visit: www.ryerson.ca/ce/sustain