

“Fortunate to be Part of High Profile Agenda”, New DM

When the recently appointed deputy minister, Dr. Len Good visited AES Downsview on June 23, it was his first introduction to an Environment Canada service.

The message he gave to a crowded audience of AES employees in the Downsview Auditorium was an optimistic one. He first spoke of his own good fortune at being appointed DM of Environment Canada at this “exciting” time when environment was playing such a high profile role in cabinet, around Canada as a whole and on the international scene.

Dr. Good said he realized that the weather service side of AES tended to be taken for granted, despite the fact that it did absolutely top-notch work.

Regarding the other side of AES that dealt with global climate change, Dr. Good added, “AES is fortunate to be a critical part of the Department’s high profile agenda, in addition to which you have a solid, well-deserved international reputation.”

Dr. Good concluded that AES’s Strategic Plan with its “vision” told him exactly where the service wanted to go and that the information would prove extremely useful to help him market the Department’s full agenda during the



Deputy minister Dr. Len Good (left) receives a presentation from acting ADMA Gordon Shimizu on the occasion of his visit to AES Headquarters, Downsview.

next six months. “It’s excellent, ‘sexy’ stuff” he added. “Your plan is critical to me in carrying out my job”.

Dr. Good also took time to tour AES Downsview’s scientific research facilities and have detailed discussions with AES senior managers.

Dr. Good was appointed DM on May 15, replacing Dr. Genevieve Sainte-Marie. He is an economist by training and has served previously with the University of Prince Edward Island, the Treasury Board, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Privy Council Office.