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Morocco on TIEC's Front Burner

TIEC President Nick Poulton and Executive Vice President Ronald Aqua traveled to Morocco in late March to discuss potential new programs with a number of organizations and to meet with organizations currently collaborating with TIEC.

TIEC has worked closely with Moroccan institutions since the early 1990s, on such projects as a workshop series on higher education reform issues, the design of Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, and numerous faculty exchanges.

Poulton and Aqua visited the International Institute for Higher Education in Morocco in Rabat, to review the progress of the collaborative Master in Business Administration and Master of Science in Information System programs between TIEC and IIHEM. Currently five TIEC-affiliated universities participate in the program: Sam Houston State University, Southwest Texas State University, Texas A&M International University, The University of Texas at Arlington, and The University of Texas at San Antonio.

In this program, approximately half of the courses are offered by IIHEM. The IIHEM course syllabi are approved by the participating Texas universities, and the faculty, most of whom are trained in the U.S., are approved as adjunct faculty by the Texas universities. Students complete the remaining half of the program in Texas during two consecutive academic terms or two summer terms.

The MBA degree is awarded by one of the five participating Texas

universities. Twenty-three students have completed graduate degrees through this collaboration. There are currently four IIHEM MBA students in Texas and twenty-three students enrolled in the program in Morocco.

Jordan Master's and Ph.D. Programs

Last August TIEC signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Al-Hussein Bin Talal University in Ma'an, Jordan, to assist students selected by the University in gaining admission to graduate programs at accredited U.S. universities for their Master's and Ph.D. degrees. These graduate students will then return to Jordan to serve as faculty in the new University, named after the late King. In February TIEC began receiving applications for students seeking degrees in such fields as Linguistics, Engineering, Business, and Education. Currently TIEC is working with its affiliated universities to find appropriate degree programs for these students.

Positions Available: Qatar Academic Bridge Program

TIEC is currently recruiting staff for the Academic Bridge Program (ABP) in Doha, Qatar, scheduled to open in September 2001. The ABP will be a highly intensive, one-year, integrated program that develops skills in English as a Foreign Language, mathematics, natural science, computing, and study techniques for students with high potential who wish to enroll as undergraduate students in world-class universities.

The ABP has been designed and will be operated by TIEC; it is sponsored by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. A full description of the program is available at the TIEC website: www.tiec.org.

The positions available include Director; Coordinator, Assessment; Coordinator, Resource Center; Coordinator, Student Advising / Activities; Education Technology Specialist; Information Resources Specialist (Librarian); Learning Development Specialist; Admission / Records Officer; Faculty for Natural Science and Mathematics.



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