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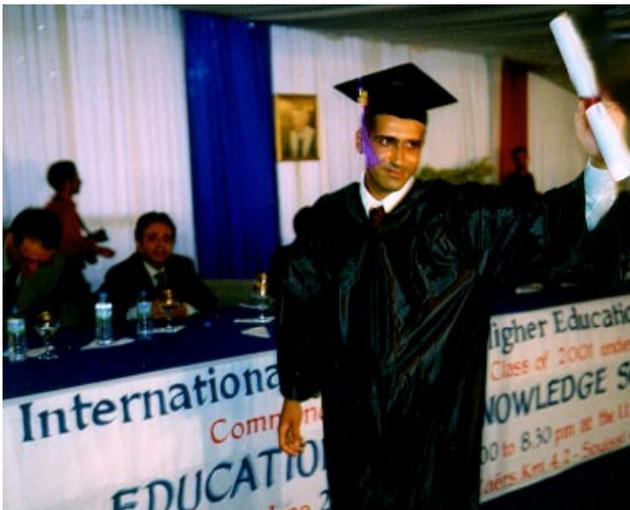
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Into Africa - Morocco 2001 Summer Program

The Texas International Education Consortium recently conducted a four-week study abroad program in Morocco, [Into Africa: Morocco 2001](#), led by Dr. Nancy Kwallek, Director of the Interior Design Program in The School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Austin. The Program was designed in collaboration with Ribat Al Fath Association, one of TIEC's partner organizations in Morocco. Participating students earned up to six credit hours in Architecture and/or Interior Design. The Program included visits to Rabat, Casablanca, Tangier, Fez, and Marrakech, and featured:

- Visits and guided tours of private villas, palaces, hotels, restaurants, mosques, Koranic schools, and historical sites to observe and study Moroccan architecture and design.
- Meetings with Moroccan and foreign architects and designers to discuss the various aspects of traditional and modern Moroccan architecture and design.
- Sessions with master Moroccan craftsmen, during which students took lessons in traditional leatherwork, wood painting, calligraphy, carpet weaving, ceramics, and mosaic.



Graduating IIHEM Student



Texas University Students Participating in Ceramics Session in Morocco

Poulton Speaks at IIHEM Graduation Ceremony

TIEC President Nick Poulton delivered the commencement address at the graduation ceremony of the International Institute for Higher Education in Morocco (IIHEM) in Rabat on June 28. Eighty students received their undergraduate diplomas in Computer and Information Systems, Marketing, Communications, Finance, and Management Science, with approximately 1,000 people in attendance.

Poulton discussed how societal changes from the Industrial Age to the Information Age affect higher education worldwide. Universities are becoming "Bricks and Clicks" organizations — i.e., a combination of buildings (bricks) and computer labs (clicks). According to Poulton, "Universities are developing programs that utilize creative combinations of people, technology and traditional spaces. Where is the action? The learning action is focused in the computer lab." He also described how the youth of today, including IIHEM graduates, have grown up with personal computers and the Internet and are well-equipped to succeed in the Information Age.

Several of the graduates are expected to participate in TIEC's Collaborative MBA program that began in 1994 between IIHEM and five of TIEC's affiliated universities: 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.

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Texas Intensive English Program

The Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) hosted its fourteenth annual "Oita in Texas" language and culture program for high school students from Oita Prefecture in Japan in conjunction with the Austin-Oita Sister City Committee. This year, a delegation of 44 students and nine adult faculty members from nine private high schools, along with one official from the prefectural government, participated in a two-week English conversation, culture, and vocabulary course at TIEP, supplemented by numerous cultural excursions and recreational activities as well as a weekend homestay with American families. For more information on this program, or to inquire about opportunities to host future Oita participants, please contact Gloria Bell (gloria.bell@tiec.org) of TIEC Sponsored Student Division.



Oita Students at TIEC's Opening Ceremony

TIEC-Affiliated Universities

Each month TIEC highlights a different university to inform international readers of the programs available through one of TIEC's 32 affiliated universities. This month TIEC is pleased to feature Stephen F. Austin State University, located in Nacogdoches, about 180 miles east of Dallas and 150 miles north of Houston.

Stephen F. Austin State University

The Arthur Temple College of Forestry is the only comprehensive interdisciplinary school of forestry in the State of Texas — and the third largest in the South (from Virginia to Texas). The College offers a wide range of programs from undergraduate through the Ph.D. degree.

Students who complete the Pre-professional Program at SFA have a 75% acceptance rate to professional schools, e.g., medical and dental. Students in the expanding nursing program earn exceptionally high pass rates on the State Board Examinations.

The College of Fine Arts, with its nationally accredited degree programs in Art, Music, and Theatre, sponsors a nationally juried art exhibition each year (The Texas National). It also conducts a series of cooperative efforts with a professional theatre college in London, England, including student exchange and joint degree programs. The College offers innovative new programs in music including the Texas Music Project (an online resource for teachers and students of music), the completely online masters program in music education, and a quickly expanding list of online courses.

TIEC Travel

This month TIEC Executive Vice President Ronald Aqua traveled to Doha, Qatar to participate in a staff orientation workshop for the Academic Bridge Program (ABP), which is scheduled to begin classes in September. The ABP was established by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development to enhance the academic background and experience of high school graduates from Qatar and other countries in the region in preparation for their future study at world-class universities in Qatar and elsewhere in the world.

Aqua also traveled to Cairo, Egypt, where TIEC is exploring development opportunities in Higher Education.

SFA, one of the largest teacher preparation institutions in the State and nationally accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), recommends individuals for 700-800 certificates per year. The College offers a wide range of programs from undergraduate through the Ed.D. degree program in Educational Leadership.

The SFA School of Social Work, with its nationally accredited baccalaureate (BSW) and terminal master's (MSW) degree programs, will move to new quarters in Fall 2001. The unique master's program is built on the rural generalist model.

The College of Business provides state-of-the-art technology for faculty and students with access to the campus network at gigabyte speeds and high-speed connectivity to Internet II activities. Every classroom has direct internet connections and state of the art projection and sound systems. Business undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by AACSB International and computer science programs by CSAC, Commission of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board.

Recent Visitors to TIEC

TIEC received a visit from Zuhair Fayeze, Chairman of the Board, and Adnan Soufi, Advisor to the Chairman of the Board, Dar Al-Hekma College (DAHC), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on July 16-17. TIEC was the primary contractor in 1998 for the design of DAHC, a private college for women.

TIEC is currently assisting Dar Al-Hekma College in recruiting for the following positions: Director, Admissions and Enrollment Management; Director, Division of Business Studies; Director, Division of Nursing; and Director, Institutional Planning and Assessment. For more information regarding these positions, visit the TIEC [website](#).



Left to Right: Nick Poulton, Zuhair Fayeze, Adnan Soufi