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Employment Opportunities in Saudi Arabia

TIEC is currently recruiting female professional staff for Dar Al-Hekma College in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The positions that are currently open include: Director, Admissions and Enrollment Management; Director, Division of Business Studies; Director, Division of Nursing; and Director, Institutional Planning and Assessment. Full descriptions of these positions and of the College can be found at www.tiec.org.

TIEC was the sole contractor responsible for the complete design of all programmatic, organizational, and operational aspects of this private, non-profit college for women which opened in September 1999. The design utilized the American model for academic programs and administrative organization.

The academic programs of Dar Al-Hekma College include a college preparatory program, a general education core curriculum, and academic majors in interior design,



Dar Al-Hekma College, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

business information systems, and special education. The College plans to develop broader specializations in other areas of study such as e-business and health care. Through its current three undergraduate academic programs, the College offers BA and BS degrees to a current student body of approximately 200. All courses are taught in English except Arabic and Islamic Studies.

Texas A&M and TIEP Co-Host Mishima English Program

Eighty-six high school students and eight chaperones from Japan's Nihon University-Mishima Senior High School, located outside Tokyo near Mt. Fuji, participated in a TIEC-coordinated English program in August that involved both the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) in Austin and the English Language Institute of Texas A&M University in College Station.

Due to the record number of students in the delegation, the program was conducted at two separate sites. This was the third Mishima delegation to participate in TIEC's English programs during the past two years.

The participants spent three weeks either in Austin or in College Station, where they had opportunities to explore local and regional sites of interest and to get to know Americans during a weekend home stay, in addition to 60 hours of intensive English instruction. The English courses focused on American and Texas cultures

through readings and visits, while also developing the students' listening and speaking skills.

As part of the summer curriculum, students were prepared in class for self-guided tours to local destinations, providing them an opportunity to find their way around town on foot and by bus. These independent outings encouraged the students to follow instructions in English, to use the language, to ask questions and get around, and to speak with people in the community.

Mishima Senior High School instructors accompanying their students from Mishima were important to the success of the program. The instructors had an opportunity to enroll in a 12-hour private language and culture tutorial course while in Texas. They have already expressed interest in sending additional delegations to Texas next summer, as part of their school's initiative in international education.

TIEC-Affiliated Universities

Each month TIEC highlights one of its 32 affiliated universities to inform international readers of the extensive programs available through TIEC's network. This month TIEC is pleased to feature Tarleton State University, located in Stephenville, Texas.

Tarleton State University

Tarleton State University is part of the Texas A&M University System in College Station, which provides a wide variety of professional and pre-professional undergraduate programs and graduate degrees in selected disciplines.

Tarleton's high quality of education and low-cost tuition and fees help make education available for everyone. There is a great emphasis on individual assistance, with smaller instructor/class ratios to help students prepare for their future.

Programs in Agricultural Science and Computer Information Systems, just to name two, provide successful job placements for students on a national level.

Tarleton State University has been recognized as one of the safest campuses in Texas, and Stephenville, Texas, has been twice designated as one of the top 100 small towns in the United States.

Stephenville is located 65 miles southwest of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex but still maintains the small town community atmosphere that many students find enjoyable while pursuing their educational goals.



Mishima Students at TIEC Closing Ceremony