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Happy Birthday TIEC!

This month marks the 16th anniversary of the founding of the Texas International Education Consortium. TIEC began as an informal organization of international education administrators at eleven Texas universities coordinating the placement of sponsored international students in academic programs in Texas. Led by Dr. Joe W. Neal, then Director of the Office of International Programs at The University of Texas at Austin, TIEC was formally incorporated in September 1985 to contract with the Government of Malaysia to conduct the first two years of a university degree program in that country.

Since those early days, TIEC has grown into a non-profit organization of 32 public universities in the State of Texas, governed by the presidents of the affiliated universities.

TIEC's mission has also expanded considerably. Over the years, TIEC has:

- Designed American-modeled university programs in Azerbaijan, Morocco, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia.
- Developed university curricula in Mexico.
- Enrolled more than 35,000 students from over 120 countries in its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Texas Intensive English Program.
- Placed more than one thousand international sponsored students in undergraduate and graduate programs at TIEC-affiliated universities. More than 600 faculty and administrators from TIEC's affiliated universities have also participated in its programs.

In addition, TIEC has brought more than \$60 million in new dollars to Texas universities in out-of-state student tuition and fees, in reimbursements for faculty seconded to overseas program assignments, and in unrestricted grants to its affiliated universities with faculty and administrative staff who have participated in TIEC programs.

Texas Intensive English Program

The Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) has been designated as an Open Test Site for the internationally recognized Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC). TIEP is one of the 34 TOEIC Open Test Sites in the United States, and one of only two in Texas. The Open Test administration of the TOEIC is held on Saturday mornings nine times each year; see the TOEIC website at www.toEIC-usa.com for more information or to register. TIEP has been administering the TOEIC to enrolled students since the 1980s, when it was one of the first intensive English programs in the United States to administer this exam. TIEP also administers the TOEIC to employees of area businesses by contractual agreement.



Dr. Joe W. Neal, TIEC's first President from 1985 until his retirement in 1996, remains involved with international education. He and Mrs. Neal live in Austin, but still travel to their farm in Tennessee whenever possible.



Dr. Bill Franklin, TIEC's second President from 1996 - 2000, retired to a new home he and Mrs. Franklin built in the Texas hill country. Dr. Franklin continues to be active in higher education, currently teaching a seminar in the College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin.



Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC's current President, notes, "TIEC's success is rooted in the invaluable expertise of the affiliated universities, and I wish to thank everyone who has participated in TIEC's accomplishments."

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 Texas A&M International University, located in Laredo, Texas.

Texas A&M International University

Texas A&M International University is located on the U.S.-Mexico border. The campus is currently expanding its facilities with additions such as a Student Center, a Center for the Study of Western Hemispheric Trade, and a Fine and Performing Arts building. The University consists of four colleges: Arts & Humanities, Business Administration, Education, and Science & Technology.

The College of Business Administration is known for its graduate programs in International Trade, International Logistics, International Banking, and Information Systems. Several competitive business fellowships are offered. Classes are taught on a three-semester basis, thus allowing students to complete their graduate degrees during a one to one-and-a-half year period. Admission requirements minimally consist of a 550 (paper) or 213 (computerized) TOEFL score, satisfactory GMAT or GRE scores, and a 2.75 Grade Point Average for conditional acceptance.

Students from over 30 different countries typically attend Texas A&M International University. International students are primarily drawn from Mexico, western Europe, India, Asia, and South America. On-campus housing is available to both national and international students.

For additional information please check TAMU's website at www.tamui.edu/oip. Requests for information can be mailed directly to: Texas A&M International University, Office of Enrollment Management, 5201 University Boulevard, Laredo, TX 78041 USA, or emailed to enroll@tamui.edu