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## **TIEC Signs Contract with the University of Qatar**

TIEC and the University of Qatar signed a contract on December 3 to develop and implement a strategic planning program for the University. Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Abdulla Saleh Al-Khulaifi, President, University of Qatar, signed the Strategic Planning Services agreement, with Oatari university officials and members of the university's follow-up committee for strategic planning in attendance.

TIEC experts will assist the University of Qatar administration with the implementation of programs that monitor and improve ongoing scholastic projects. TIEC will also assist the university in its efforts to adapt education programs to the changing trends in Qatari society, education, and research.

The TIEC Strategic Planning team consists of team leader Dr. Nick Poulton; Dr. Donald Haragan, President Emeritus, Texas Tech University; and Dr. Joseph Stafford, Senior Advisor for Academic Affairs, University of Texas at San Antonio. The Strategic Planning Services contract will progress in three phases, scheduled over the course of one year.

### **TIEP Offers University Placement Service**

In addition to providing excellent intensive English language instruction for 36 years, the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) has prepared many international students for admission to accredited colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The Texas Intensive English Program is now pleased to offer a University and College Placement Service.

Individuals qualify for this service by applying to TIEP for a minimum of eight weeks of intensive English study and by submitting the required documentation and placement fee.

TIEP requests conditional admission from a university in Texas selected by the student, or other suitable universities or community colleges.

Applicants are notified of their conditional admission status within six to ten weeks.

The University and College Placement Service is facilitated by TIEP's longstanding association with TIEC and its affiliated universities.

For more information on this new service, contact tiep@tiec.org.

## **Jordanian Students Enter Graduate Programs in Texas**



Al-Hussein Bin Talal University in Ma'an Jordan

Al-Hussein Bin Talal University in Ma'an, Jordan signed a Memorandum of Agreement with TIEC in August 2000, with the purpose of assisting Jordanian graduate students to enter and complete programs at accredited American universities, and return to Jordan to serve as faculty.

To date, TIEC has received 36 applications and 17 students have gained admission to American institutions, with 13 students placed at universities throughout Texas.

Ten students enrolled for the Fall 2001 semester, with six students expected to enroll in the Spring of 2002.

Jordanian students are currently enrolled at The University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas at El Paso, Texas A&M University-Commerce, and Lamar University.

#### **TIEC-Affiliated Universities**

Each month TIEC highlights one of its 32 affiliated universities to inform international readers of the programs available. This month TIEC is pleased to feature the University of Houston-Clear Lake. www.cl.uh.edu

## University of Houston - Clear Lake

The University of Houston – Clear Lake offers over 40 master's degree majors and 30 bachelor's degree majors.

The campus is adjacent to NASA's Johnson Space Center, offering a year round warm climate in a culturally diverse city.

Competitive scholarships are open to international students.

The University of Houston-Clearlake offers strong bachelor's programs in computer science, computer information systems, computer systems engineering, and management information systems.

Master's degree offer programs software engineering, computer engineering, systems engineering, computer information systems, and management information systems.

All business programs at both the bachelor and master's degree level have AACSB accreditation.

# **TIEC Visits Affiliate Campuses**

Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Ronald Aqua, TIEC Executive Vice-President, traveled to the University of Houston and the University of Houston-Clear Lake on December 10-11, as part of TIEC's effort to visit its affiliated universities and examine the international expertise offered by each institution.

On December 5, Dr. Aqua visited The University of Texas-Pan American. The next scheduled visit will be to Tarleton State University on January 16, 2002.