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TIEC Welcomes Korean Teachers to Texas

TIEC initiated the Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English with the arrival of 21 Korean teachers on January 5. TIEC and the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) administer this seven-week intensive training program under the sponsorship of the Korean-American Educational Commission in Seoul, Korea.

Twelve women and 9 men were selected from schools throughout South Korea in order to participate in five weeks of intensive coursework and two weeks of internship at public schools in Texas. The academic component provides six hours of daily coursework in applied teaching methodology, second language learning theory, internship preparation, and exposure to the culture of the American southwest.

On January 11, the trainees were welcomed at Austin's City Hall by Mayor Gus Garcia, who spoke of his experiences in the educational field and answered questions from the Korean teachers. In addition, a number of guided field trips are scheduled, including visits to the new Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station.

While completing internships spanning 10 public school districts throughout the state, the trainees will offer cultural presentations on Korea, interview local school officials, students and parents, and participate in community activities. The TIEC-affiliated universities coordinating the local internships include Sul Ross State University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M International University, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas Tech University, The University of Texas at Arlington, The University of Texas-Pan American, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, the University of Houston, and West Texas A&M University.



Korean teachers meet Austin Mayor Gus Garcia

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 Texas A&M University-Kingsville. (www.tamuk.edu)

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Pursue a high demand degree in engineering, including Chemical, Civil, Computer Science, Electrical, Mechanical, and Natural Gas.

Explore a career choice from Agriculture/Human Sciences, Business, Education, or Arts and Sciences.

Attend a university where you will find professors teaching small classes with a faculty to student ratio of 1 to 17.

Experience a rich cultural diversity among the students at Texas A&M-Kingsville and the community residents.

Enjoy the mild climate and beach areas near Kingsville.

TIEC Continues Initiatives in Qatar and Senegal

Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, Dr. Donald Haragan, President Emeritus, Texas Tech University, and Dr. Joseph Stafford, Senior Advisor for Academic Affairs, University of Texas at San Antonio, visited Qatar in January to initiate a year-long strategic planning activity for the University of Qatar.

During the visit, the TIEC team met with Dr. Abdulla Saleh Al-Khulaifi, President, University of Qatar, senior executive officers, and a planning committee, to address critical issues facing the university, and to collect background information essential to the planning activity. The TIEC team and university officials developed a schedule for an extended strategic planning workshop that TIEC will conduct in April.

Drs. Poulton and Stafford then traveled on to Dakar, Senegal, to collect preliminary information and conduct interviews that will contribute to the University of Future Africa Feasibility Study. Drs. Poulton and Stafford met with the President of the Republic of Senegal, the Honorable Abdoulaye Wade, to discuss the features of the President's vision for the university, which is planned to be a postgraduate training institution serving West Africa.

Training at TIEP for Japan's Ministry of Education

The Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) welcomed last fall the 13th group of participants in its English Teacher Training Program conducted for the Japanese Ministry of Education.

These junior high school and senior high school English teachers participated in a six-month intensive program consisting of two months of English language training in California or Oregon followed by four months of specialized coursework at TIEP.

This program was designed to enhance the participants' knowledge of current English language teaching methodology, techniques, and materials through coursework at TIEP, auditing of university courses, and practical classroom experience in public secondary schools in Austin.

The participants also developed oral presentation skills, undertook individual research projects, and experienced American and Texan culture through readings, films, local excursions, and presentations by guest speakers. (tiep@tiec.org)

Executive Committee Video Conference

The TIEC Executive Committee met by video conference on January 29 to receive status reports on new programs and review briefings of programs in development.

This meeting is the first TIEC Executive Committee real-time interactive video conference, scheduled to be held twice yearly. Video conference meetings will supplement traditional face-to-face meetings, which also convene twice each year in Austin.