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TIEC Initiates Feasibility Study in Abu Dhabi



Downtown Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

TIEC is participating in a feasibility study for a new private university in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in cooperation with the Houston office of the architectural firm PageSoutherlandPage, L.L.P.

Work on the project commenced in early February. On-site data collection began February 16th-19th in Abu Dhabi with a team consisting of Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Joseph Stafford, Senior Advisor for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas at San Antonio, along with Lewis May and Damian Derby, architects from PageSoutherlandPage.

The team met with officials from universities, colleges, and government agencies to identify information sources, collect data, and conduct initial interviews in preparation for a follow-up visit in March 2002. TIEC will utilize experts from several TIEC-affiliated universities to study the supply and demand for higher education in the United Arab Emirates, while focusing on Abu Dhabi specifically.

These efforts will identify academic program needs and analyze issues related to the feasibility of a new university in Abu Dhabi. The PageSoutherlandPage architects will study the physical and technical requirements for the facilities necessary to develop a new university.

The Weekender Spotlights Austin

The Texas Intensive English Program offers its students The Weekender, a publication produced by Jason Cupitt, Student Services Program Officer. This weekly newsletter features activities of interest throughout the Austin area, and provides information explaining the history and customs of American holidays.

The Weekender also recommends volunteer activities for students who wish to increase their English skills while participating in local community enrichment activities. The Weekender can be viewed online at www.tiec.org/tiep/weekender.pdf.

Senegal Program Update

TIEC's strategic planning initiative for the University of Future Africa in Dakar, Senegal, moved to the next stage on February 5th and 6th when Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Joseph Stafford, Senior Advisor for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas at San Antonio, met with a representative from Dakar to analyze information gathered during TIEC's previous visit to Senegal.

This meeting was held in Houston at PageSoutherland Page, L.L.P., with architects Lewis May and Damian Derby participating as members of the strategic planning team.

English for Business and Careers Offered at TIEP

The Texas Intensive English Program now offers English for Business and Careers, a new intermediate-to-advanced level program designed for individuals desiring to improve their English skills through a curriculum that emphasizes comprehensive language-skill development for business and professional environments.

The courses include modified and authentic business material, interaction with Austin business professionals, simulated training and conference sessions, as well as participation in local business activities

The participants' oral and written language proficiency is systematically enhanced through a variety of practical business tasks such as public speaking, conducting meetings, negotiating, case study analysis, correspondence, and proposal writing.

The English for Business and Careers program runs Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Detailed information, session dates, and costs are available at www.tiec.org/tiep.

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 Southern University. (www.tsu.edu)

Texas Southern University

Texas Southern University offers degrees in 78 undergraduate disciplines and 36 graduate disciplines in nine schools and colleges, including Law, Pharmacy, Business, Education, Science and Technology, Liberal Arts, Public Affairs, Graduate Studies, and Continuing Education.

Doctoral degrees available at Texas Southern University include Environmental Toxicology, Educational Counseling, Educational Administration, Curriculum and Instruction, Pharmacy, Law, Urban Planning, and Environmental Policy.

Texas Southern University strives to develop the greatest potential in leaders from various economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds, with a campus community comprised of over 8,000 students, faculty, and staff, representing more than 50 nations throughout the world.

The curriculum at Texas Southern University provides international courses in almost every academic department, offering students an international minor and access to study abroad opportunities.

Spanning 145 acres, the facilities at Texas Southern University include a music recital hall, a radio station studio, a performance theater, a health and physical education complex, seven dormitories, and numerous other state-of-the-art academic buildings designed to provide an environment conducive to learning and interactive fellowship.

Texas Southern University is located near downtown Houston, Texas, the fourth largest city in the United States with a diverse population of more than 4 million, and a strong international orientation in the arts, entertainment, and education.