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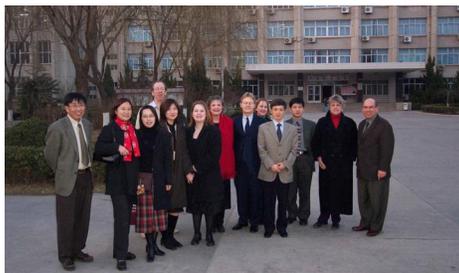
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TIEC Broadens Development Efforts In Asia

Dr. Terry Simon, Director of the Texas Intensive English Program, traveled to East and Southeast Asia for five weeks beginning February 26th, visiting Thailand, the People's Republic of China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, to expand TIEC's programming efforts throughout the region. Dr. Simon was joined for three of those weeks by Dr. Ronald Aqua, TIEC Executive Vice President.



Dr. Simon (right) at Nihon University with faculty member Hirokazu Toma (left) and two students.



Dr. Aqua (right) and Dr. Simon (sixth from right) at Oxbridge University Business School, Beijing.

In Shanghai and Beijing, TIEC reached an agreement with the Oxford Cambridge International Group-International Business Division, to provide programs and services to educational institutions throughout China.

These services are expected to include ESL training programs, distance education courses, professional and continuing education, and graduate degrees in such fields as education, business administration, and computer science.

Drs. Aqua and Simon then spent a week in Japan, meeting with agencies that recruit international students for TIEP programs and visiting the Mishima campus of Nihon University. Drs. Aqua and Simon concluded the week by participating in a Study USA 2002 fair in Yokohama on March 16th and 17th.

Drs. Aqua and Simon conducted similar meetings in Seoul, Korea, and then participated in a Study USA 2002 fair there on March 23rd and 24th. From Seoul, Dr. Simon continued on to Pusan, Korea and Taipei, Taiwan.

Many new activities and programs are expected to result from TIEC's visits to East and Southeast Asia, especially in the field of ESL consulting.

TIEC Continues Work on New University in Abu Dhabi

TIEC and the Houston office of PageSoutherlandPage, L.L.P., completed data collection this month for a feasibility study of a new, private university in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

TIEC team members Dr. Joseph Stafford, Senior Advisor for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas at San Antonio, and Dr. Virginia Wheelless, Vice Chancellor of Planning, University of North Texas System, visited Abu Dhabi March 15th-21st, accompanied by Lewis May and Damian Derby, architects from PageSoutherlandPage.

The TIEC team also includes Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, as team leader, and Dr. Maryann Ruddock, Associate Director of the Office of Institutional Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, who is conducting the analytical and financial analysis. The feasibility study is expected to be completed by the end of April.

English for Communication and Culture Offered at TIEP

Since 1981, the Texas Intensive English Program has offered English for Communication and Culture, an intermediate-to-advanced program designed to improve language proficiency for personal or professional purposes.

The diverse, theme-based curriculum provides extensive practice in speaking, listening, grammar, reading, and writing through a variety of communicative activities and projects on an assortment of cultural topics, including community-based research, guest speakers, video projects, student presentations, and films.

The English for Communication and Culture 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 The University of Texas at Tyler. www.uttyl.edu

The University of Texas at Tyler

The University of Texas at Tyler offers 37 bachelor's degree programs and 23 master's degree programs through the colleges of Business Administration and Technology, Education and Psychology, Engineering and Computer Science, Arts and Sciences, and Nursing and Health Sciences.

U.T. Tyler is recognized for offering rigorous academic training as a four-year comprehensive university with pre-professional programs. The student-to-professor ratio is small, with an emphasis on excellence in teaching and learning.

The U.T. Tyler campus is located 100 miles east of Dallas in East Texas, where students enjoy the benefits of a wooded, park-like campus in a progressive, welcoming city.

Tyler, population 85,000, is a friendly and growing city which has been identified by the state of Texas as a leader in new high tech business development. U.T. Tyler provides unique on-campus housing in University Pines, an all-apartment complex.

International students will be interested to know that campus housing does not close during university breaks or holidays. Those interested in visiting the campus and taking a tour may phone 1-800-UT Tyler to make arrangements.



The University of Texas at Tyler campus