



# TIEC GAZETTE

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## TIEC Hosts Representatives From Chinese Organizations



**TIEC officers and Texas nursing college administrators with representatives from Oxford Cambridge International Group**

Several representatives from the Oxford Cambridge International Group (Beijing) and the Fitness Concept (China) Group recently met with TIEC officials in Austin to discuss the development of new programs in China.

On April 22, David Qi and several of his colleagues from the Oxford Cambridge International Group-International Business Division also met with representatives from TIEC-affiliated universities Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, The University of Texas at Tyler, West Texas A&M University, Stephen F. Austin State University, and Tarleton State University, to discuss the possible development of 2+2 nursing programs in China.

Two representatives from Fitness Concept (China) Group, Lijian Lin and Xiaohua Jia, toured The University of Texas at San Antonio Health Science Center and several other medical facilities throughout Texas on April 19-22, gathering information for a wellness and rehabilitation center to be built in China in anticipation of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

## TIEC and TIEP Officers Visit Affiliated Universities

✓ Sharon Pate, TIEC Coordinator of Student Services, and Gloria Bell, TIEC Program Officer, traveled to San Antonio on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Pate and Ms. Bell were invited guests at a luncheon hosted by the Office of International Programs at The University of Texas at San Antonio honoring Qatar Petroleum-sponsored students enrolled at UTSA.

✓ Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Ronald Aqua, TIEC Executive Vice President, visited The University of Texas at Dallas on April 29<sup>th</sup>, Texas Woman's University on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and the University of North Texas on April 30<sup>th</sup>, as part of TIEC's continuing efforts to visit its affiliated universities regarding the international capabilities offered by each institution.

## TIEC Continues Strategic Planning Assistance in Qatar

Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, Dr. Joseph Stafford, Senior Advisor for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas at San Antonio, and Dr. Donald Haragan, President Emeritus, Texas Tech University, traveled Qatar on April 6-11 to conduct strategic planning assistance for the University of Qatar. TIEC representatives participated in a two-day workshop with university officials, senior administrators, and community representatives.

The workshop assisted with the preparation of draft materials for a strategic planning document, including vision and mission statements, as well as a list of goals and objectives. TIEC continues to advise the University of Qatar Planning Committee on methods of strategic planning implementation, with activities to continue in the Fall of 2002.

## 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 West Texas A&M University. ([www.wtamu.edu](http://www.wtamu.edu))

### West Texas A&M University

West Texas A&M University strives to provide students with a quality academic experience by offering small classes and strong programs in disciplines such as teacher preparation, business, agriculture, fine arts, nursing and environmental science.

Over 61 undergraduate programs and 42 graduate programs are available at WTAMU, as well as a variety of courses and degrees through WT Online.

West Texas A&M University offers conditional admission for Intensive English Language students, efficient and timely admission procedures, and a quality education with affordable tuition.

The WTAMU community is comprised of 6,775 students from 39 states and 37 countries throughout the world.

Serving a five-state region, West Texas A&M University is located 12 miles south of Amarillo in the community of Canyon, on a landscaped 135-acre residential campus.



**Sharon Pate (fifth from right) and Gloria Bell (sixth from left) at the "Qatari Appreciation Luncheon" at UTSA**

## TIEC Operating Council Meets at The University of Texas at Dallas

Nineteen TIEC-affiliated universities attended the TIEC Operating Council meeting at the University of Texas at Dallas on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Operating Council discussed methods for TIEC to represent its affiliated universities overseas during program development. In addition, Dr. Terry Simon, Director of the Texas Intensive English Program, presented information on TIEP's new program, University Express. ([www.tiec.org/uep](http://www.tiec.org/uep))

## Meetings of the Board and Executive Committee Scheduled

The TIEC Executive Committee is scheduled to conduct a video conference at 4:00 PM on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the quarterly meeting of the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors at 6:30 PM in room 1.100 of the William B. Travis Building in Austin.