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TIEP Welcomes Students From Oita in Texas 2002

The Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) hosted the fifteenth annual "Oita in Texas" language and culture program for high school students from Japan's Oita Prefecture on July 15-25, in conjunction with the Austin-Oita Sister City Committee.

This year, a delegation of 28 students from nine private high schools, accompanied by nine faculty members and a governmental official from Oita Prefecture, participated in a two-week English conversation, culture, and vocabulary course at TIEP. Nine of the adults also elected to participate in a specialized two-week course in conversation, pronunciation, and culture.



TIEP officers and staff with students and faculty members from Oita Prefecture in Japan

Classwork was supplemented and enriched by numerous cultural excursions to sites of interest around Austin, a variety of recreational activities, structured conversation exchanges with American high school students learning Japanese, mixer activities with American teenagers, and a weekend homestay with American families.

For more information on this program, or to inquire about opportunities to host future Oita participants, please contact Gloria Bell of the TIEC Student Services Division at gloria.bell@tiec.org.

TIEP and Texas A&M University Host Mishima 2002

Sixty-one students and 5 teacher chaperones from Nihon University-Mishima Senior High School in Japan arrived in Texas in July for a three-week program that includes a weekend homestay and opportunities to explore regional sites of interest.

The participants are provided 60 hours of intensive English instruction, centered upon American culture, through reading and writing activities, while developing listening and speaking skills through classroom instruction and field trips.

This is the fourth delegation in the past three years to participate in this TIEC program. Thirty-six students and three teacher chaperones will attend classes in Austin at TIEP. Twenty-five students and three teacher chaperones will attend classes at TAMU English Language Institute in College Station.

TIEC Executive Officers Travel to Cairo, Egypt

Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Ronald Aqua, TIEC Executive Vice President, traveled to Cairo, Egypt, July 27th through August 1st, to meet with the project managers for Partners for a Competitive Egypt.

Partners for a Competitive Egypt was established by the United States Agency for International Development in cooperation with the Egypt-US Presidents' Council.

The goal of the project is to strengthen the ability of Egyptian firms and associations to compete in the global economy through IT initiatives in the educational field.

While in Cairo, Drs. Poulton and Aqua discussed the development of a new technology university as well as the development of technology education resources for a group of pilot Egyptian schools at the K-12 level.

New Officers Elected by TIEC Board of Directors

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of TIEC and TIEP held July 17 in Austin, Texas, new officers were elected for the Fiscal Year 2003. Continuing as Chair and Vice Chair for the second year are President Robert R. Furgason, Texas A&M – Corpus Christi and President Miguel A. Nevarez, The University of Texas Pan American. Executive Committee Members elected are: President James Gaertner, Sam Houston State University; President Tito Guerrero III, Stephen F. Austin State University; President Norval Pohl, University of North Texas; President David Schmidly, Texas Tech University; and President Priscilla Slade, Texas Southern University. Ms. Pamela Stephenson was appointed to continue in her position of Secretary of the Board of Directors.

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 Tech University. (www.texastech.edu)

Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University is located on a contiguous campus of 1,839 acres in Lubbock, a community of 232,000 residents in the Texas Panhandle.

TTU has a student population of over 26,000, including 1,000 international students representing 96 countries throughout the world.

TTU offers more than 150 undergraduate, 100 masters, and 60 doctoral degree programs through a Law School, Graduate School, and eight undergraduate colleges.

Resources at TTU include the International Cultural Center, the International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies, and the Center for Applied International Development Studies.

The common Lubbock campus arrangement makes TTU the only campus in the state with a comprehensive university, law school, and a medical school.

TIEC Executive Vice President Travels to Taiwan



Dr. Aqua (right) meets with representatives from the International Education Foundation and Cardinal Tien College of Nursing (CTCN) at the CTCN campus in Taiwan on June 25.