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## 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 **Sul Ross State University (SRSU)**. ([www.sulross.edu](http://www.sulross.edu))

**SRSU, in Alpine, Texas, is situated at the gateway of the Big Bend Country and the Davis Mountains, and serves over 2,000 students. Small classes provide personalized attention and the opportunity for hands-on learning.**

SRSU offers 29 bachelors and 23 masters degree programs in the schools of Arts and Sciences, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and Professional Studies.

**The SRSU campus blends its traditional academic facilities with the surrounding natural environment of the Big Bend Region, which serves as classroom and laboratory.**

SRSU facilities, such as the Wildenthal Library, the Pete P. Gallego Center, the University Center, and the Graves-Pierce Recreational Sports Center, offer students and visitors spacious accommodations and state-of-the-art resources for academic, recreational, social, cultural and athletic activities.

**Courses at SRSU combine conventional educational methods with technological advantages. Graduates excel in numerous capacities at international, national and regional levels.**

SRSU's ongoing educational mission includes encouraging lifelong learning and developing a sense of ethics and intellectual integrity.



## TIEC to Host Second Fulbright Group of Korean Secondary School Teachers of English in 2003

Thirty-two Korean secondary school English teachers (selected from a pool of 87 applicants) will travel to Texas in January-February, 2003, to acquire a deeper understanding of American culture and life and to gain experience in American public education, particularly American ESL practices and methodologies.

This is the second year that TIEC has conducted this seven-week program, which is sponsored by the Korean-American Educational Commission (Fulbright).

The participants will spend their first four weeks in Austin, Texas, in an Academic Residency at the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) designed to enhance their knowledge of American culture and ESL methods.

The Korean teachers will then travel in pairs to different parts of Texas, where local schools, in coordination with TIEC-affiliated universities, will provide a two-week Secondary School Site Residency. The on-site effort will be overseen by Ms. Estherlene

Moya, TIEP Supervisor and Site Visit Coordinator for the program.

Participants will spend their final week back in Austin, where they will plan how they will integrate their newly acquired knowledge and skills into their teaching situations in Korea and share what they have learned with other Korean teachers.

## Taiwanese Visitors Observe TIEP Programs

Mr. Albert Lee, Executive Director of the International Education Foundation (IEF) in Taiwan, visited TIEC on September 18-19, 2002, to discuss several possibilities for future collaboration.

Following up on Mr. Lee's visit, two of his staff, Ms. Angel Chen and Ms. Ariel Hsiao, came to Austin on September 27 through October 2, 2002, to learn more about TIEC, TIEP, University Express, and the programs and activities of IEF students who have been placed at TIEP.

## TIEC President Sees Strength in the Qatar ABP

Dr. Nick L. Poulton, TIEC President, traveled to Qatar this month, to visit the Academic Bridge Program (ABP), which is now in its second year of operation.

Dr. Poulton met with the new ABP Director, Dr. Jack Davis, along with the new Academic Dean, Dr. John Aydelott, and the ABP staff regarding TIEC's continuing commitment to the ABP.

Dr. Poulton observed that the ABP is off to a very good second year, with devoted students and excellent faculty and staff.

While in Qatar, Dr. Poulton also met with officials of Qatar Petroleum (QP), a long-time client of TIEC that has sent over 190 of its employees to U.S. universities through TIEC's Sponsored Student Program.

Dr. Poulton and QP's Abdullah Al Sahlawi discussed the current status of the program and the various issues associated with obtaining a visa to study in the U.S.

Finally, Dr. Poulton met with University of Qatar officials on the status of efforts to develop and implement the Strategic Plan for the University with TIEC's assistance.

As a part of this effort, Dr. Poulton and TIEC team member, Dr. Joseph H. Stafford of The University of Texas at San Antonio, will travel to Qatar during the first week of November to conduct workshops and advise individual colleges in the University on the planning process.



**Dr. Poulton, left, meeting with Mr. Abdullah Al-Sahlawi of Qatar Petroleum**