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Zooming in on American Culture

In TIEP's Communication and Culture class, we study writing and speaking English to communicate with Americans well.

Our teacher gave us a photo journal project. We took two pictures a day and added a comment to each picture.

At first, it sounded interesting. However, a few days later, we were getting worried about how to take so many pictures worth saving.

When we started, the photos themselves said many things, so we didn't have to add comments very much. For example, we took photos of the Capitol, Dexter Hall, UT Tower, etc., such as tourists would take.

However, gradually the photos changed. We had to add a lot of comments in order to explain why we took these photos. For example, we took photos of a washing machine, an alarm clock, etc. They were personally important.

In the process, it became difficult to find subjects and add comments. Also, we had to write comments without looking at the photos, so we felt frustrated. But when the journal was complete, and our photos were in their places, it looked fabulous.

We exchanged our journals with each other and talked about them. It was very helpful for improving our writing and speaking skills. Also, we got a nice souvenir to show our family and friends.

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TIEC Conducts Strategic Plan Workshops in Qatar

Dr. Nick L. Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Joseph H. Stafford of The University of Texas at San Antonio, concluded a series of strategic planning workshops at the University of Qatar, in Doha on November 2-3, 2002.

The TIEC team – consisting of Dr. Poulton, Dr. Stafford, and Dr. Donald H. Haragan of Texas Tech University – has worked throughout this year with faculty and staff of the University, under the leadership of its President, Dr. Abdullah Al-Khulaifi, to prepare a Strategic Plan that will guide the future of the University.

“The demands on the education system in Qatar are changing, and the University is actively seeking to respond to these changes,” Dr. Poulton commented at a press conference that was reported in the *Gulf Times* on November 5, 2002.

The Strategic Plan document will be completed in December. It contains four major goals that deal with maximizing the potential of every graduate, enhancing the utilization of University resources, solving community problems through research and consultation, and obtaining the resources to achieve the University's future potential.



Qualified TIEP Applicants Get an Edge on University Admission

Qualified TIEP applicants can now receive conditional admission from the following TIEC affiliated universities:

- Angelo State University
- Lamar University
- Sam Houston State University
- Tarleton State University
- The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- West Texas A&M University

TIEP applicants who receive a conditional admission letter from one of the above universities will be admitted to that university once certain requirements set by the university are fulfilled and after having taken a minimum of eight weeks of intensive English at TIEP. For detailed information on the application process for conditional admission, visit:

www.tiec.org/tiep/placemnt.html

The six Colleges of the University are also developing plans for their individual areas that reflect how the Strategic Plan of the University will be realized in practice. All of these plans are being linked to the recent results of the University Evaluation Committee that has examined every operational aspect of the University over the last two years.



Drs. Poulton (l.) and Stafford (r.) at press conference with University of Qatar President Abdullah Al-Khulaifi

TIEC to Review K-12 Education in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

TIEC will conduct a management review of the Abu Dhabi Education Zone (ADEZ) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. This effort is part of a commitment the U.A.E. has made to strengthen its educational system as presented in its strategic plan, “Education Vision 2020.”

The TIEC team will be led by Ms. Pamela B. Tackett, an education consultant who was formerly Executive Director of the Texas State Board for Educator Certification. Joining Ms. Tackett on the TIEC team will be Dr. Dan McLendon, former Superintendent of Schools for the Round Rock Independent School District and the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District.

The team will review the organizational structure of the ADEZ, identify areas of strength and those areas needing improvement, and recommend strategies to ensure that the educational system will meet the goals presented in the “Education Vision 2020” plan.