



Saudi Delegation Visits Austin

A delegation of higher education professionals from Saudi Arabia met with Dr. Nick L. Poulton, Dr. Ronald Aqua, and Ms. Pamela A. Stephenson at the TIEC office on February 1, 2003.

The delegation, consisting of Dr. Mohammed Al-Hamid from Imam Mohammed Bin Saud University, Dr. Mohammed Al-Hassan from King Saud University, Dr. Mohammed Al-Hayazee from King Khalid University, Dr. Mohammed Al-Naafa from Hail Community College, Dr. Abdulhalem Mazi from the Ministry of Higher Education, and Dr. Salem Sahad from King Abdulaziz University, is part of a team planning the development of 33 community colleges in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



Dr. Poulton, Dr. Aqua, and Ms. Stephenson meet with the delegation from Saudi Arabia

During their visit to Austin, sponsored by the International Visitor Program of the U.S. Department of State, they examined American models of community college education and the relationships between industry and education.

Korean Fulbright Participants Reflect on Their Seven-Week Training Experience

The 32 participants in the Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English recently completed seven weeks of training at TIEC. Before their departure on February 22, 2002, the group's leaders shared their views of their experience in the U.S.

Leaving Austin

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The day we left Korea it was very cold, and we had a lot of snow. When we arrived in Austin, we found that the weather was like spring in Korea – warm and pleasant. We were all excited to live in this nice weather and to think of the new places we would explore for the coming two months. We were complete newcomers.

Almost seven weeks have passed since we came here. The weather is the same as when we arrived. The people and the places are the same, too. Only we have changed so much. We are full of confidence in teaching and speaking English. We are proud of being English teachers in Korea. We have learned a lot about Texas and America. We now have many friends from all over the world. We had lots of our own classes in middle schools and high schools. Above all, all of us 32 members have become friends.

When we go back to Korea this weekend or next week, we will be on the verge of spring and new school year. We will meet new students and new teachers. Most of all, we



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will be new teachers ourselves – upgraded, energetic and most wonderful.

We owe all these great experiences and wonderful changes to the faculty and staff of Dexter Hall. We want to express our special respect and gratitude to Dr. Underwood, Ms. Shim and the other people working for Fulbright in Seoul.

We are ready to meet the new spring.

University of Qatar Readies New Strategic Plan for Implementation

The University of Qatar has completed a Strategic Plan for 2003- 2008 with the assistance of a planning team from TIEC. The President of the University, Dr. Abdulla S. Al-Khulaifi, indicates that the completed plan has been presented to the University Council in preparation for submission to His Highness, the Emir of the State of Qatar.

The Strategic Plan contains four goals: Enhancing Teaching and Learning; Addressing Community Needs; Managing the University; and Acquiring Resources. Eight strategic Action Plans have been prepared to guide the University in achieving these goals over the next several years. The Action Plans will be directed by task forces headed by the President and Vice Presidents of the University. Individual Colleges are continuing work on their respective strategic plans that complement the strategies of the University.

TIEC Officers Explore International Education Opportunities with TARL

Dr. Nick L. Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Ronald Aqua, TIEC Executive Vice President, visited Tarleton State University on February 3, 2003, to discuss new program development opportunities dealing with K-12 education abroad.

Drs. Poulton and Aqua met with President Dennis McCabe; Dr. Gary Peer, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Fred Koestler, Director of International Academic Programs; Dr. Jimmy Byrd, Assistant Professor of Education; Dr. Deborah Jinkins, Assistant Professor, Reading, Curriculum & Instruction; and Pamella Simon, Director of the Center for Educational Research.

Colleges of Education at other TIEC affiliated universities that are interested in contributing to this process or individuals who would be interested in participating in an international K-12 project are encouraged to contact Dr. Aqua at: ron.aqua@tiec.org.