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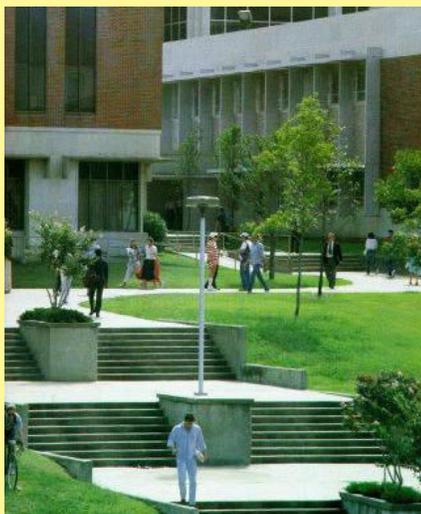
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- Located in Commerce, Texas, 65 miles northeast of Dallas.
- Undergraduate and graduate student population of 8,483, including 400 international students.
- Offers more than 110 fields of study in Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business & Technology, and Education & Human Services, as well as the School of Graduate Studies & Research.
- "Hands-on" learning in all disciplines of agriculture as well as teacher certification in Agricultural Education through the University's 1,800-acre farm.
- Ten international studies programs, as well as exchanges with the Shenyang Institute of Physical Culture and Liaoning Education College in Shenyang, China, and the U.S./China Teacher Education Consortium.



TIEC Teams Up with UTPB in New Language Exchange with Mexico

TIEC has signed an agreement with The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB), Odessa, Texas, to participate in an intensive language exchange program between UTPB and the Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua (UACH) in Mexico.

The Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) will conduct, on behalf of UTPB, an intensive, four-week program of English for Academic Purposes on the UTPB campus.

In July, a group of UTPB faculty and students will go to UACH to study Spanish, and a group of 30 faculty and

students from UACH will study intensive English at UTPB in Odessa.

The program will consist of 26 hours per week of classroom instruction in English-as-a-Second-Language, enhanced by local field trips and cultural activities.

Two TIEP faculty members will travel to Odessa to conduct the month-long English program.

"We regard the initial experience as extremely important for this exchange program, and our investigation led to the choice of TIEP to guarantee the quality and success of UTPB's institute," stated Dean James Olson, UTPB Dean of Arts and Sciences.

TIEC Continues to Assist in Design of New Egyptian University

Mr. Lewis May, Vice-President and Director of Planning (FASLA), PageSoutherlandPage, L.L.P., and Dr. Walt Magnussen, Director, University Telecommunications/Physical Plant, Texas A&M University, traveled to Cairo, Egypt, April 10-21, 2003, to review proposals sent by architectural and construction firms for the design and construction of Nile Tech University.

Mr. May reviewed the facility design elements of the proposals, while Dr. Magnussen evaluated the information technology aspects of the proposals. When asked about the review of the design proposals, Mr. May stated, "Egyptian officials are making excellent progress in designing a new Egyptian university that focuses on information technology."

This visit is a part of a larger project called Partners for a Competitive Egypt, which is sponsored by USAID and coordinated by PaL-Tech, Inc. One of the objectives of the project is assisting in the development of Nile Tech University, a new private university located in 6th of October City, near Cairo. Nile Tech will serve as a model for other educational institutions in Egypt, offering programs in information technologies.

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