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TIEP Students Learn about Pet Therapy in Nursing Homes

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We came to TIEP as international students not only to improve our English and communication skills, but also to understand American culture.



TIEP Spring 2003 English for Communication and Culture Class. Rear, l-r: Instructor Paula Barnes-Felfeli, Eddie Karam, Hyung Ho Shin, Fiorella Tabacchi, Young Eun Kim, Clement Chaigne, Omid Saljoughi. Front, l-r: Hae In Wang, Akiko Miyazaki, Jee-Won Han, Julieta Daal, Seo-Kyung Kim, To-Li Wang, Sook-Kyung Han, Instructor Harriet Hoffman

One day we had a session with a lady named Karen Kimbro, who is a member of Therapy Pet Pals of Texas.

She and her dog, Heidi, came to tell how they use pet therapy to help the delicate people in nursing homes.

We understood one aspect of American culture by listening to Karen's lecture – not only by listening to English, but also by learning that some people can give to strangers.

TIEC Consultant Assesses Egyptian Educational Initiatives

Dr. Thomas Talley, Associate Professor of Engineering at Tarleton State University, conducted an analysis of educational initiatives in Egypt under a TIEC subcontract with PaL-Tech, Inc., as part of the Partners for a Competitive Egypt (PfCE) program sponsored by USAID.

Dr. Talley traveled to Cairo, May 11-30, 2003.

“Understanding how the objectives of assistance programs are consistent with the existing cultural experience of a nation such as Egypt, is very challenging and essential to the success of our joint efforts,” noted Dr. Talley.

TIEC President Urges Moroccans to Seek Understanding of “Common Good”

Dr. Nick L. Poulton, TIEC President, gave the Commencement Address at the International Institute for Higher Education in Morocco (IIHEM) in Rabat, Morocco, on June 24, 2003. During his address Dr. Poulton urged the graduates to “look beyond the extreme actions of a few radicals in today’s world, keep open the avenues of communication, and seek an understanding of the common good that we all share.”

TIEC Wraps Up Abu Dhabi Strategic Education Review

Ms. Pamela B. Tackett and Dr. Dan McLendon, Jr., traveled to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on May 22-30, 2003, as part of TIEC’s management review of the Abu Dhabi Education Zone (ADEZ).



Dr. Dan McLendon (c) and Ms. Pamela Tackett (2nd from r) meet at the Al A'Faq Model School for Girls, Grades 1-5, Abu Dhabi, with (l-r) Ibtisam Alian, Ali Mohamed Al Maskari, and Hazar Midhat

After the trip, Ms. Tackett commented, “The ADEZ is transitioning into another phase of educational reform. Education Vision 2020, a blueprint to produce learners that have skills to build a strong citizenship and economy for the country, must be energized with significant action plans that offer the chance for the vision to be realized. The TIEC team has been given an opportunity to create plans to move the vision forward.”

The TIEC Team is now preparing a report containing recommendations for implementation of the Education Vision 2020, as well as additional areas needing the attention of ADEZ.

TIEC Board of Directors and Executive Committee to Meet

TIEC’s Executive Committee will meet on July 10, 2003, to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the TIEC/TIEP Board of Directors on July 16, 2003.

Dr. Poulton spoke to the class of 80 graduates and a large gathering of family and friends.

TIEC and IIHEM have maintained a long relationship since their first collaboration beginning in 1992 when IIHEM served as a subcontractor to TIEC on the design and start-up of Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco.

For the past decade, TIEC and IIHEM have participated in a collaborative MBA degree program in which students take the first year of MBA courses at IIHEM and then transfer to one of five TIEC affiliated universities to finish their degree.

The collaboration has expanded to include a concentration in information systems for the MBA.

Through a USIA Affiliation Grant, TIEC affiliated universities and IIHEM have also exchanged economics faculty.

While in Rabat, Dr. Poulton discussed opportunities of further expanding productive relationships between the two organizations.



Dr. Nick L. Poulton with Mrs. Nadia Motii, Presenter of the IIHEM Graduating Class, and Dr. Saâd Kabbaj, President, IIHEM