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University of Qatar's New President Meets with TIEC

Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, and Dr. Ronald Aqua, TIEC Executive Vice President, met with Dr. Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad, the newly-appointed President of the University of Qatar, on September 28, 2003, in Doha, Qatar.

In addition to extending TIEC's congratulations to Dr. Al-Misnad on her appointment, they reviewed the Strategic Planning process that TIEC had conducted for the University earlier this year.

Dr. Al-Misnad noted that H.H. the Emir has challenged her to transform the University of Qatar into a modern and renowned institution at the national, regional, and international levels.

She indicated that her administration would seek to implement many of the ideas and recommendations emanating from the Strategic Planning process that could reinforce the mission of institutional reform and revitalization through the collective effort of the entire University community.



Nick Poulton (2nd from l) and Ronald Aqua (r) visit newly appointed President Sheikha Abdullah Al Misnad (2nd from r) and Professor Abdul Aziz El-Bayoumi (l) at the University of Qatar

TIEC Plans Wrap-Up of ADEZ Management Review

Ms. Pamela Tackett, Team Leader for TIEC's management review of the Abu Dhabi Education Zone (ADEZ) conducted earlier this year, will return to Abu Dhabi in October.

The purpose of her follow-up visit will be to discuss with ADEZ officials the need for ongoing external monitoring and advising, based upon the recommendations set forth in the management review, and how TIEC can assist the ADEZ in its future efforts.

TIEC to Assist in Development of New Private University in Saudi Arabia

TIEC has signed a contract to develop and implement a comprehensive design for all major components of a new private university to be established in the Al-Khobar area of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, to be known as the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU). Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, participated in a formal ceremony to initiate the project on September 30, 2003, in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

The new university will be based on the American model of postsecondary education, with English as the primary language of instruction, and will serve both male and female students.

Initially, the academic plan will



Nick Poulton (seated, r) and Saad Al-Othman, PMU Founding Committee Chair (seated, l), sign contract for PMU design project, joined by Issa Alansari, PMU Project Manager (standing, r)

TIEP Prepares for Third Annual KAEC Institute

Preparations are under way for the third annual Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English as a Second Language, sponsored by the Korean-American Educational Commission (KAEC), to be conducted during January - February, 2004.

Forty Korean teachers will participate in this year's Institute, which will once again feature an intensive four-week academic residency in Austin focusing on American culture and ESL teaching techniques conducted by the Texas Intensive English Program.

encompass undergraduate degrees in Business Administration, Information Technology, Computer Science, and Engineering.

Teams of U.S. experts will be assembled from various TIEC-affiliated and other universities to work on a total of 17 separate design tasks.

The U.S. teams will collaborate with counterpart teams of Saudi experts based in Dammam.

A TIEC-appointed Director of Operations will work on-site beginning in September 2004 to prepare for the opening of the university in September of 2005.

Al-Kobar is a major industrial port located in the heart of the country's oil-producing region and is a key transit point for goods that are distributed throughout Saudi Arabia.