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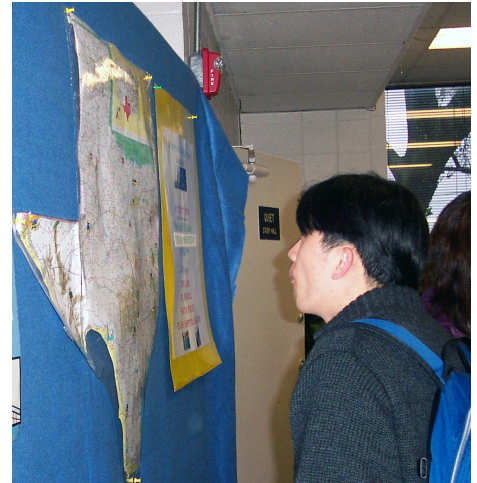
Officials of the finance and education ministries of the Republic of Uzbekistan visited TIEC in January as part of a tour of Texas universities and educational agencies to study finance, support, and reform of higher education. After providing insights into how TIEC could facilitate access to educational expertise, (from left) Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, received a sample of traditional Uzbek handicrafts as thanks from Shukur Djanbaev, Akhadbed Khaydrarov and Ulfatkhon Khodjayeva.

Fulbright Program Imparts ESL Methods and American Culture to Korean Teachers

Forty-two Korean teachers began the new year by spending the month of January studying ESL teaching methods and American culture in Austin, then departed for a two-week stay with Texas families and pedagogical observation in junior highs, middle schools and high schools across the state.

Participants in the Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English attended class for 28 hours a week to learn the latest methodologies for teaching English as a Second Language.

But they still had time for cultural activities that included country-western dancing, attendance at a university women's basketball game, participation in Austin's annual Martin Luther King Day March, and guest lectures.



AHN Hee Seong, a Korean EFL teacher, located his site residency town on the Texas map.

Teams Begin Intensive Work Following First Visit to PMU

Representatives of TIEC staff and two TIEC consulting teams visited educators and officials of the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU) in Saudi Arabia during January to begin fact gathering for the establishment of the new university.

Other IT team members are Sam Segran, Associate VP for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Texas Tech University; Dr. Walt Magnussen, Director for Telecommunications, Texas A&M University; LeAnn McKinzie Thomason, Instructional Technology Specialist, Brownsville; and Rob Robinson, Associate Director, The University of Texas System TeleCampus.



Dr. Maurice Leatherbury (right) met with Dr. Abdulaziz S. Almulhem, a university IT director. "I was very pleased," said Dr. Leatherbury, "to find that the IT infrastructure was on a par with most areas of Texas and that we could plan facilities that would rival those of anywhere in the world."

The complete teams later assembled in Austin for intensive brainstorming and work sessions that are the first phase of producing their reports.

The IT Services team is headed by Dr. Maurice Leatherbury, Executive Director of Information Technology and Academic Computing, University of North Texas.

The Organizational Structure team is headed by Kyle Cavanaugh, Associate VP, Human Resources, The University of Texas at Austin. Other team members are Dr. Don Haragan, President Emeritus, Texas Tech University; Fernando Gomez, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, Texas State University System; and Dr. David Payne, VP for Academic Affairs, Sam Houston State University.



Dr. David Payne (right) and Dr. Nick Poulton visited the future site of PMU. "It was very useful," said Dr. Payne, "to get a first hand view of the location and a clearer picture of the cultural elements that will be critical to the success of the project."

Texas universities and secondary schools participating in the visitation program include:

- Midwestern State University: Barwise Jr. High School, Hirschi & Rider H.S., Wichita Falls
- Sam Houston State University: Klein Forest H.S.; Huntsville H.S.
- Texas State University-San Marcos: Wallace Middle School, Kyle; Dahlstrom Middle School, Buda
- Stephen F. Austin State University: Thomas J. Rusk Middle School, Nacogdoches
- Sul Ross State University: Alpine Middle School
- Tarleton State University: Stephenville Jr. High & H.S.; Dublin Middle & H.S.; Granbury Middle & H.S.
- Texas A&M International University: Martin High School & Lamar Middle School, Laredo
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi: Mary Carroll & Foy Moody H.S.
- Texas Tech University: Monterey H.S., O.L. Slaton Jr. High School, Lubbock; Levelland H.S.
- Texas Woman's University: Calhoun Middle School, Denton
- Trinity University: Louis Fox H.S., San Antonio
- The University of Texas at Arlington: Workman Jr. High School
- The University of Texas at El Paso: Socorro H.S.
- The University of Texas at Tyler: Robert E. Lee H.S., John Tyler H.S., & Moore Middle School
- The University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Permian H.S., Odessa
- University of Houston: Deady & Hamilton Middle Schools, Elsie H.S.
- University of North Texas: Billy Ryan H.S., Denton