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## EFL Leaders Visit TIEC under US State Department Program

A delegation of EFL professionals from the Middle East and North Africa met with TIEC staff and observed classes at the Texas Intensive English Program on February 12.

The sessions were designed to demonstrate methods used in the United States to teach English as a Second Language.

The delegation (pictured above with TIEC staff) included Mabrouk Mahammedi, Teacher Trainer, Primary & Middle School Teachers Training Institute, Algeria; Djamel Tabet-Aoul, Director, School of Foreign Languages, Algeria; Naima Baluchi, English Language Curriculum Specialist, Ministry of Education, Bahrain; Deyana Abdulkarim Ahmed Ghuloom Aljahrami, English Language Senior Teacher, Bahrain; Parween Shawqat Kawther, Member, Provincial Council, Salah ad Din Province, Iraq; Suad Al-Ansari, English Language Teaching Supervisor General, Ministry of Education, Kuwait; Dr. Ahmad Kotob, Director, Institute of Languages, Aleppo University, Syria; Rula Khalil, English Language Supervisor, Bethlehem Directorate, Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, West Bank.

## Visits by TIEC Experts Help Move New Saudi University Closer to Reality

The establishment of the new Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University (PMU) is a complex and intense process. It is also an exciting and realistic goal that upon completion will play an important role in the business and community life of Saudi Arabia.

These were among the conclusions reached in February by experts from Texas universities in a meeting with Saad Al-Othman, Chairman of the PMU Founding Committee and Undersecretary of the Eastern Province Governorate.

During the trip, TIEC representatives also met with administrative and academic leaders from a number of universities and university preparation programs.

TIEC experts making the trip were:

- Manuel Lujan, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Susan Sabrio, Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Dr. Ronald Hy, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Members of these TIEC teams are:

- Enrollment Management: Mr. Lujan, Robert Cullins, Registrar, Sul Ross State University; Nolen Mears, Associate Dean for Student Services, Angelo State University; Kenn Moffitt, Director, University Online Communications, University of North Texas; and Robert Watkins, Assistant Director of

Admissions, The University of Texas at Austin.

- Preparation Year Program: Dr. Rebecca Smith-Murdock, Director, International Programs, University of North Texas; Ann Hall, Instructor, Texas Intensive English Program; Concepción Hickey, Executive Director, Programs for Academic Support & Enrichment, Texas A&M International University and Ms. Sabrio.



Manuel Lujan, Ronald Hy, and Susan Sabrio met with Saad Al-Othman of the PMU Founding Committee.

- Core Curriculum: Dr. Hy, Dr. Warren Burggren, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, University of North Texas; Dr. Dell Felder, Learning Assessment Expert, Houston; Dr. Gary Harris, Professor, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Texas Tech University; and Dr. William Monroe, Associate Dean, The Honors College, University of Houston.

## Korean Teachers of English Depart Texas with New Ideas and Materials



JO Choon Shik taught Korean culture at Socorro High School in El Paso, Texas.

“Participating in the Fulbright American Studies Institute has helped all of us to gain a lot of confidence. We 42 teachers not only learned about American culture, but we also taught a lot of Korean culture to U.S. students during our secondary school site visits. We’re very impressed with this program.”

—CHOI Yeon Kyu, Leader



BAEK Soonnam received her certificate of completion from Dr. Nick Poulton, TIEC President, at the Program’s Farewell Ceremony.