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Texas Business Faculty Praise Moroccan Teaching Experience

Two faculty members of [The University of Texas at Arlington's College of Business](#) returned from a TIEC-sponsored teaching assignment in Morocco recently with the same enthusiastic reaction.

"I told them over and over," said Dr. Tyge Payne, "all you have to do is ask me and I'll come back." Noted Dr. Wendy Casper: "I would do it again in a heartbeat."

Dr. Payne and Dr. Casper taught upper-level



Dr. Tyge Payne (center) directed teams of Moroccan students in a project on strategic management.

undergraduates for three weeks in January at the International Institute for Higher Education in Morocco (IIHEM), located in Rabat.

Working with IIHEM faculty, the Texas professors assigned team projects for their students to analyze issues in human resources and strategic management.

"They liked our applied approach to learning, rather than just reading a book and being tested," said Dr. Payne.

Both Dr. Payne and Dr. Casper had high praise for the students' abilities. "I think they are as well prepared as any other international students," said Dr. Casper. "One thing that was really impressive was the students' ability in English."

They also had praise for their Moroccan hosts. "We had a lot of interaction with the students and other faculty members," said Dr. Payne. "This was the rewarding part – getting to know the people."

In time away from teaching, the two had opportunities to visit Tangier and Marakesh, as well as to become fully acquainted with the old city of Rabat, known as the Medina, and the up-and-coming shopping district where their hotel was located.

"Many students do want to work for a multinational corporation," said Dr. Casper, "but what is around them is small family businesses like the ones in the medina."



Dr. Wendy Casper (center) visited the old city of Rabat with graduate students who served as translators.

Korean Teachers Complete Study in Austin, Depart for Schools Across Texas

Thirty-five Korean teachers have completed the first month of a seven-week language, culture, and pedagogy training program and have departed Austin for a two-week stay



Korean teachers Jung Ji-Hyun (left) and Kim Jung-Hi (right) learned about stories they can use to teach English from Austin children's book author Trevor Romain.

with Texas families and observation in secondary schools.

As the teachers left Austin, group leader Suh Jung Koo reflected on their experience both inside and outside of class.

"One thing that we appreciated the most is that we can share feelings with the TIEP teachers as teachers," he said.

"There also were good opportunities for us to see and feel the parts of Texas which are quite different from Austin. When we went to Houston, we could feel the metropolitan atmosphere. On another Saturday, we went to San Antonio, which is quite Spanish."

The teachers are participants in the fourth annual Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English, sponsored by the Korean-American Educational Commission and TIEC's [Texas Intensive English Program \(TIEP\)](#).

Universities and schools participating in the site visits include:

- The University of Texas at Arlington: Newcomer Center, AISD
- Texas Tech University: Smyer ISD (K-12), Monterey HS, Levelland HS
- Schreiner University: Tivy HS
- Sul Ross State University: Alpine Middle School
- Texas Woman's University: Calhoun Middle School
- Trinity University: Fox Academic & Technical H.S.
- Sam Houston State University: Conroe HS
- The University of Texas at Tyler: Hogg Middle School, Boulter Creative Arts Magnet Middle School
- North Harris College: Spring HS
- University of Mary Hardin Baylor: Travis Middle School
- Wayland Baptist University: Plainview HS, Estacado Jr. HS
- Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Flour Bluff HS, Mary Carroll HS
- Tarleton State University: Dublin Jr. HS, Dublin HS, Granbury HS, Acton Middle School, Stephenville Jr. HS, Stephenville HS
- Stephen F. Austin State University: Mike Moses Middle School, Mc Michael Middle School
- Also: Deady Middle School, Houston; San Marcos HS; and Wallace Middle School, Kyle