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Sixth Group of Korean Fulbrighters at TIEC

Twenty-five Korean high school and middle school teachers of English are participating in the sixth annual Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English, conducted by TIEC's Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) under the auspices of the Korean-American Educational (Fulbright) Commission in Seoul.

The seven-week program, which began on New Year's Day, consists of a four-week academic program at TIEC, individualized two-week secondary school visits and homestays throughout Texas, and a concluding week-long period of reflection and integration back in Austin before returning to Korea.



The program features advanced classes on ESL teaching methodology and contemporary American society as well as firsthand exposure to the U.S. public education system in mentorship arrangements with American teachers at local school sites.

For more information on TIEP, visit <http://www.tiec.org/tiep> or e-mail tiep@tiec.org.

Yemen Workshop on Higher Ed Finance

A TIEC team of experts traveled to Sana'a, Yemen in early December to conduct a workshop for the senior leadership of Yemen's higher education establishment, as part of a World Bank-funded contract to assist the Government of Yemen in its efforts to promote the decentralization of financial planning and expenditure authority to public higher education institutions.

During the three-day program, Dr. Marshall A. Hill, Executive Director of Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (formerly Assistant Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board), offered a series of recommendations for a revised higher education governance structure in Yemen and proposed that government support of Yemen's public universities be provided through a formula funding system. Mr. James R. Langabeer, Vice President for Business Affairs at The University of Texas – Pan American, highlighted the need for greater flexibility in spending on campuses,



accompanied by a necessary expansion of ways to increase effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability for fiscal and policy matters.

New TIEC-Designed Saudi University Opens

Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU) in Saudi Arabia successfully commenced its first semester of operation last September with more than 600 students in the Preparation Year Program and core curriculum courses.



Throughout this initial phase of operations, TIEC-recruited experts have been on-site in Al-Khobar to direct such key areas as academic affairs, information technology, finance, human resources, enrollment management, administrative services, the women's campus, and the Learning Resources Center.

TIEC is also continuing its faculty recruitment efforts for PMU, and current opportunities may be viewed at <http://www.tiec.org/intopps.html>.

TIEP Director Conducts Study in Egypt

In December, Dr. Terry Simon, TIEP Director, conducted a week-long visit to Misr University of Science and Technology (MUST) in 6th October City, a suburb of Cairo, to observe MUST's English language program. He focused on such issues as the required English language skills and abilities that students must acquire to be successful in degree courses at MUST, as well as the structure and content of the current English language courses and the appropriate expectations for English language acquisition that these courses can sustain. TIEC President Dr. Nick Poulton, who accompanied Dr. Simon on this trip, met with MUST leaders to explore areas of potential collaboration between TIEC-affiliated universities and MUST.

Nihon University Students Arrive in February

During February and March, a second group of 12 students from Nihon University will attend a four-week English Language and American Culture Program at TIEP. They will stay with American families during their visit in Texas and visit cultural sites in central Texas.

TIEP Hosts Latin American ESL Teachers

In February, the U.S. Department of State will sponsor a third group of secondary school teachers of English as a Second Language, 25 in all, from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, and Uruguay, to attend a two-week American Studies Institute operated by TIEP. The visiting teachers will attend classes on teaching methodology and American culture, participate in a weekend homestay, and visit high schools and sites of cultural interest in the Austin area.