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### Overview

*A unique association of 32 public universities in Texas*

### Programs and Services

*Offering assistance to public and private organizations worldwide*

### Study in Texas

*Featuring a full range of programs for students and professionals*

*Opportunities at TIEC Career opportunities for university professionals*

## TIEC Hosts Dean of Indian Management Institute

TIEC hosted Dr. R. P. Banerjee, Director of the Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management (Kolkata, India), April 7-11, 2008, to explore opportunities for bilateral exchange activities with Texas public universities. In Austin, Dr. Banerjee toured the IC<sup>2</sup> Institute and also met with officials at Austin Community College, The University of Texas System office, and The University of Texas at Austin. He then traveled to north Texas, accompanied by TIEC



Dr. Banerjee (center) with Dr. Geri Malandra (left), Vice Chancellor for Strategic Management, The University of Texas System, and Dr. Aqua

President Ronald Aqua, to visit several TIEC-affiliated campuses: The University of Texas at Dallas, Texas Woman's University, The University of Texas at Arlington, and Tarleton State University. During these campus visits Dr. Banerjee conducted several workshops and seminars on contemporary Indian management theories.

## Study Abroad Session to Review Best Practices

TIEC has partnered with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct a workshop at THECB on May 5, 2008, entitled "Study Abroad: Emerging Issues and Best Practices." All public universities and community colleges in Texas have been invited to participate. The workshop will also be webcast on the THECB website. The complete agenda and information on accessing the webcast are available at [http://www.tiec.org/pdf/sa\\_wkshop050508.pdf](http://www.tiec.org/pdf/sa_wkshop050508.pdf).

## TIEC Assists UANL in IT Curricular Review

A team of four TIEC experts visited Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Monterrey, Mexico, on April 14-16, 2008, accompanied by TIEC President Ronald Aqua, where they conducted a curricular review of several degree programs in information technology (IT). UANL hopes to implement several new curricular designs this fall. Dr. Nick L. Poulton, TIEC President Emeritus, heads the team. Other members include Dr. Peter A. Cooper, Sam Houston State University; Dr. Ned Kock, Texas A&M International University; and Dr. Troy F. Henson, The University of Texas at Tyler (retired).



## Integrated Learning Provides Exposure to U.S. Culture and Language for Japanese Students

Students from Nihon University, Mishima Campus, attended an English Language and American Culture program at TIEP in March. This is the third group of students from Nihon University to study in Austin. The four-week program was an integrated learning experience in which students moved between the classroom and the community.

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Instructor Jo Bennett explained that "what we do in the classroom reinforces the students' experiences. It makes academic learning go deeper." In the classroom, students expanded their vocabulary, practiced listening and speaking skills, and read the newspaper to find



advertisements for local businesses. On field trips, they were given assignments requiring engagement with English speakers. They talked to clerks and looked for particular items while completing guided activities. Takahiro Hiranuma thought the stores they visited were "big, fun, and colorful," with unexpected merchandise. Rira Hayama commented that "every day is different." In addition to activities planned by their instructors, many of the Nihon students took part in Japanese-English exchange sessions with students at The University of Texas at Austin. Living with local families throughout the program, they planned activities with their hosts that included preparing both American and Japanese food to share at the closing ceremony.

For more information on custom designed programs available through the Texas Intensive English Program, please visit [http://www.tiec.org/tiep/program\\_custom.php](http://www.tiec.org/tiep/program_custom.php).

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## TIEC Campus Visits Continuing at Fast Pace

TIEC President Ronald Aqua has visited 20 TIEC member campuses since last September and expects to stay just as busy traveling throughout the spring and summer. On each campus Dr. Aqua has sought feedback on recent TIEC programs and activities and heard from campus leaders about their current international initiatives. Dr. Aqua traveled to West Texas A&M University, Midwestern State University, and Texas Tech University on March 24-26, 2008.



West Texas A&M University:  
Dr. Aqua and President J.  
Patrick O'Brien



Texas Tech University: Dr. Robert T. Crosier,  
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## Nominations Sought for TIEC VP Position

TIEC continues the search for a Vice President and encourages nominations. The complete position description is available on the TIEC website at <http://www.tiec.org/intopps.html>.