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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*

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### TIEP Alumni News

## Former Student from Mexico Now Working in China Uses English as an International Language

Learning English at the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) has been an excellent way since 1965 to prepare for studies at an American university. It is also an excellent path to employment worldwide—because in many countries English serves as the international language of business and government.

Hector Ortega Mancha is one former TIEP student who found employment using the English he learned in Texas.



*Hector Ortega Mancha uses English on the job in China*

With a BA in accounting from a Mexican university and a job as an accountant for a hotel in his native country, Hector decided that learning English would help him land a better job, either at home or abroad.

Friends of his family who had studied at TIEP recommended the program. Hector, who was 23 when he first came to Austin, enrolled in TIEP for summer sessions in 1998, 1999 and 2000 and for the fall semesters in 2000 and 2001.

Upon completion of the TIEP advanced English for Business and Careers course and the TIEP advanced English for Academic Purposes course, Hector found a position at the Mexican Consulate in Austin, where he worked in a variety of areas including visa administration, protection of Mexican citizens and civil registration. A year ago, he transferred to the Mexican Embassy in Beijing, China.

Now 33, Hector is the embassy's Director of Administration, a position in which he oversees approximately 20 employees and handles finance, facilities and local hiring. He says he uses English "about half the time," typically with Chinese citizens who speak English but not Spanish. For those who do not speak English or Spanish, he works with a Chinese translator who translates from Spanish into Chinese.

Last summer Hector helped organize special activities for 86 Mexican athletes participating in the Olympic Games and 87 athletes participating in the Paralympic Games. He found English very helpful for interacting with Chinese representatives—and he credits TIEP with preparing him well in speaking and writing English.

Hector expects to remain in Beijing for approximately two more years. At that time, he plans to move with the Mexican Ambassador to another country to assume duties in the Mexican Embassy there.

TIEP, a division of the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC), is a fully accredited English language program. For more information, visit [www.tiec.org/tiep](http://www.tiec.org/tiep) or e-mail [tiep@tiec.org](mailto:tiep@tiec.org).

## TIEC Participates in PMU Opening Ceremony



TIEC President Ronald Aqua and President Emeritus Nick L. Poulton attended the official Opening Ceremony of Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU) in Saudi Arabia on October 8, 2008. This new private institution, located near the Arabian Gulf coast at Al Khobar in the Eastern Province, emphasizes learning competencies and applications of information technology in all of its academic programs, which are based upon detailed programmatic, organizational, and operational designs developed by teams of experts from TIEC-affiliated universities. *Shown above, Dr. Poulton (center) greets PMU administrators Louis Dornier (left) and Desmond V. Rice.*

### TIEC Leadership News

## New Board Leadership Will Bring Extensive International Experience to TIEC

TIEC begins the academic year with new leadership for its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, will serve as chairman, and Dr. Tim Hudson, President of the University of Houston-Victoria, will serve as vice chairman.

"We are delighted to have these two outstanding educators in leadership positions at TIEC," said Dr. Ronald Aqua, TIEC President and CEO. "Both bring years of experience and commitment to international education to their positions, and we expect their expertise will contribute significantly to TIEC's ability to serve our member institutions and to reach out to students and educators both in Texas and overseas."

Dr. Killebrew became the 10th president of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in January 2005 following tenure from 1994 to 2004 as provost and vice president for academic affairs at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). After earning undergraduate and master's degrees in biology from WTAMU in 1971 and 1972, he earned a doctorate in zoology from the University of Arkansas in 1976. He then returned to begin his career at WTAMU in 1976 as an assistant professor of biology.



*Dr. Flavius Killebrew*

As an administrator at WTAMU he was responsible for the administration of all academic and research programs, including the colleges, library, continuing education, enrollment management, planning and analysis, and grants and special projects. He has long been active in a number of educational organizations, including the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and TIEC.



*Dr. Tim Hudson*

Dr. Hudson joined the University of Houston-Victoria (UHV) in 2004 from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he served as provost and vice president for academic affairs. A former analyst for the U.S. Department of State, Dr. Hudson has a doctorate in geography from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. His interest in geography has grown into a commitment to international education and promotion of global understanding, as evidenced by his initiation of more than 40 study-abroad programs worldwide.

At UHV, Dr. Hudson has added international partnerships in China, Spain, Mexico and other countries to provide students and faculty with study abroad opportunities and to bring people from other countries to the campus. In 1996, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by London Guildhall University for his lifelong contributions in international education.

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#### *International News*

### **TIEC Delegation to Focus on Higher Education Trends at Forum with European Counterparts**

A TIEC delegation headed by Dr. Max Castillo, President of the University of Houston-Downtown, will attend a symposium entitled "Bridging the Atlantic: Higher Education Trends and Challenges" in Liverpool, England during November. Sponsored by the European-American University Forum (EAUF), the five-day event will focus on sharing innovative ideas and practices in the rapidly evolving field of worldwide higher education. Sessions will be held at The Liverpool John Moores University.

Accompanying Dr. Castillo, who serves as program chair for EAUF, will be Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and chair of the TIEC board; Dr. Dan Jones, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce; and Dr. Ronald Aqua, President and CEO of TIEC. The delegation will present a forum on international initiatives at Texas universities.

EAUF was founded in 1990 to provide an opportunity for American university administrators and faculty members to meet their European counterparts and explore areas of common interest and possible collaboration. Sessions at this year's meeting will focus on trends such as rapid technological and economic change, access for diversified student populations, competition from non-traditional providers, internationalization of the education market and environmental sustainability.

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#### *Staff News*

### **New Administrator Will Provide Student Services**

Naoko Otani has been named Student Services Administrator for TIEP, coordinating the TIEC Sponsored Student program and overseeing student services for current and prospective TIEP students.

Naoko came to the United States from Japan in 1997 to study as an F-1 visa student and earned a master's degree in Applied Linguistics and Teaching English as a Second Language at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She previously served as a TIEP Office Assistant.



*Naoko Otani*