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TIEC Experts and Top Leadership of Yemen Launch Design Project for New University



The inaugural TIEC meeting in Yemen was with Mohamed M. Zemam, (far right) Deputy Minister for the Development Sector, Ministry of Local Administration. The TIEC team included (from left) Ronald Aqua, Marshall Hill, Joe Stafford, Lewis May, and (back to camera) Kais Al Iriani, TIEC's project coordinator in Yemen.

A team of TIEC experts has taken the first step toward helping the Republic of Yemen establish a new university.

The weeklong trip to Sana'a, Yemen, in late May gathered initial information for assessing the needs Al Saleh University must meet, establishing the defining characteristics of the university, and evaluating a potential site for the campus.

Central to the discussion was the desire for a university that is different from all others in Yemen and that will ensure high standards of admissions and teaching to train leadership for the country and the Gulf region.

"Repeatedly," noted Joseph Stafford, formerly Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Research at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, who is heading up the assessment phase of the project, "we were told that the nation—and indeed the entire region—has a great need for skilled managers at all levels."

Others making the trip were Marshall Hill, Executive Director, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for the State of Nebraska (formerly of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board), Lewis May of the architectural firm PageSoutherlandPage in Houston, Ronald Aqua, TIEC President, and Ernie Wood, TIEC Project Manager. Providing support in Sana'a was TIEC's Yemen Coordinator, Kais Al Iriani.

The TIEC team met with the Ministers of Higher Education, Education, Technical Education and Vocational Training, and Planning and International Cooperation. The team also met with business people, leaders at educational institutions including Sana'a University and Lebanese



Lewis May of PageSoutherlandPage (left) met with the Yemeni university committee to evaluate a possible site for the campus.

International University, and representatives of the committee overseeing the establishment of the university.

Discussions covered broad topics such as the university's goals and mission, along with details such as its size, programs, quality standards, language of instruction, student body characteristics, and tuition.

Over the coming year, TIEC teams will make additional trips to Sana'a to plan Al Saleh University's organizational structure and curriculum, create a plan for implementing all aspects of the university, and provide budget projections for establishment of the university and its continued operations.

TIEC Board of Directors

Retreat Focuses on Expanded Programs



Among the university presidents attending the TIEC Board retreat were (front to back) Ann Stuart of Texas Woman's University, Tim Hudson of the University of Houston-Victoria, and Patrick O'Brien of West Texas A&M University.

Ten presidents of Texas public universities assembled in Austin in mid-June for an executive retreat and discussion of TIEC and its programs and services—emphasizing ways in which TIEC can help their campuses advance efforts in international education.

The presidents attending expressed an interest in TIEC developing joint campus programs for study abroad, assisting with international student recruitment, and identifying other international opportunities.

Noted Dan Jones, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce: "One reason why some of TIEC's most active campuses are the smaller ones is that we need partners."

Added Elyzabeth Holford, TIEC Vice President: "It's part of our mission to really open up and expand student mobility."

Ronald Aqua, TIEC President, noted that explorations already are underway for developing offshore sites that member universities could use to create a physical presence for study abroad programs, student recruitment, and other ventures.

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International Visitors

Korean University Seeks Texas Partnerships



Leaders of Kyungpook National University (KNU) in Korea visited TIEC in June to discuss possible programs for cooperation and exchange with Texas public universities. Attending the meeting were: Hwang Sung-Dong, Vice President for International Affairs, KNU; Terry Simon, Director, Texas Intensive English Program; Ronald Aqua, President/CEO, TIEC; Noh Dong-II, President, KNU; Elyzabeth Holford, Vice President, TIEC; Jung Hee Suk, Professor of Political Science & Diplomacy, KNU.