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New Program Development

TIEC Provides a Gateway to Texas Universities for Vietnamese Educators Seeking U.S. Cooperation



TIEC Vice President Elyzabeth Joy Holford (third from right) and TIEC representative Dr. Nguyen Duy Luan (far left) met with officials of the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training. From left: Nguyen Xuan Vang, Director General, Vietnam International Development; Professor Dr. Pham Vu Luan, Vice Minister; Dr. Nguyen Le Thi Huong, Deputy Director General, Department of Higher Education; and Tran Ba Viet Dzung, Director General, International Cooperation.

TIEC recently explored opportunities for international cooperation between Texas universities and institutions in Vietnam at a forum in San Francisco sponsored by the Vietnam Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Titled "Meet Vietnam: Higher Education Forum," the forum enabled TIEC Vice President Elyzabeth Joy Holford to gather information about Vietnam's education development strategy and to present the contributions that TIEC member universities can make in helping realize this strategy to a range of government and university representatives.

"We definitely made a good impression," she noted. "They liked the fact that we have 32 institutions in our consortium, which makes working with TIEC a gateway to universities in Texas."

Among the Vietnamese officials that Ms. Holford met were Dr. Nguyen Thi Chim Lang, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and Vice Rector of Baria-Vungtau University; Kim D. Nguyen, Vice Director General of the Institute of Educational Research; and Dr. Ho Thanh My Phuong, Deputy Director and Dean of the Division of Education of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization.

Ms. Holford also had the opportunity to discuss opportunities in Vietnamese higher education with U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Michael Michalak.

The November 15-16 meeting builds on a recent report by the U.S. Department of State and the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training that presents recommendations for strengthening U.S.-Vietnamese cooperation in higher education.

Programs for Members

Dialogue Strengthens Ties with Affiliate Universities

TIEC Vice President Elyzabeth Joy Holford continued her meetings at TIEC member universities in November with trips to Texas Woman's University, the University of North Texas, and Texas A&M University-Commerce.

"We are looking for every opportunity to become better partners with our member institutions," she noted. "Our goal is to discover the best ways to coordinate our efforts to the benefit of Texas and the international education community."

At Texas Woman's University, meetings were hosted by Juanita Dueñez-Lazo, Director of International Education. At Texas A&M University-Commerce meetings were hosted by Dr. Kenneth L. Clinton, Jr., Director of the Joe B. Hinton Office of International Studies. These campus visits focused on meetings with Colleges of Education to explore ways TIEC can help the institutions reach a larger international audience.

At the University of North Texas, Ms. Holford was hosted by Dr. Earl Gibbons, Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for International Education. Discussions centered on cooperative marketing needs and opportunities, as well as building a foundation for consulting collaborations.



Texas A&M University-Commerce was one of three institutions TIEC Vice President Elyzabeth Holford visited as she explored new opportunities for partnerships.

Korean Teachers of English Set for Texas Visit



The annual institute for Korean teachers includes a trip to historic sites in San Antonio.

For the ninth consecutive year, the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) will host English language teachers from Korea during January and February.

The annual Fulbright American Studies Institute for Secondary School Teachers of English will bring 30 elementary, middle school, and high school teachers to Texas. Programs will feature study at TIEP in English language teaching techniques and American culture, as well as a residence period in a Texas secondary school in cooperation with a Texas university.

The institute also includes opportunities to experience Texas culture, including field trips to museums, sporting and musical events, and historic sites in San Antonio.