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Japanese Undergraduates Study English at TIEC During Spring Break

Twenty-eight freshmen and sophomores from the Nihon University College of International Rela-

tions, a record number, are devoting their spring vacation time to English language study in Texas, the eighth such group

since the program began in 2005. One popular feature of this program has been three hours of Japanese and English conversation exchange each week with American university students, both in classes at a local campus and in scheduled conversation groups. Another facet of the program includes field trips to local sites, such as the Texas State Capitol, the city of San Antonio, and the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

When asked about his impression of Austin, Rihiro Suzuki stated, "It is my first time to visit Texas, so everything is new for me. Everything is a kind of adventure."



TIEP at Lamar Prepares for Next Steps in CEA Accreditation Process

TIEP at Lamar is currently in a state of transition. After receiving initial one-year accreditation by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) in August of 2012, the program is now undertaking a comprehensive self-study to apply for a four-year extension of accreditation by CEA by the end of 2013. With a full-time director, James Moore, now in place, the new TIEP at Lamar branch has launched a curriculum review while also developing a distinctive new marketing strategy, in preparation for the change-over from the current pro-

gram, Lamar Language Institute, operated by Lamar University. Students have expressed excitement about these changes, and while

there is much work to complete in the coming months, TIEP at Lamar staff members are optimistic about the future of this new program.



12th Fulbright Program Brings Korean Teachers to Texas Communities

Twenty-five English language teachers from South Korea arrived in Austin on December 30, 2012, to begin a seven-week training program at TIEC focused on instruction in American culture, applied methodologies for teaching English as a Second Language, the U.S. educational system, and public speaking skills. This year's group consisted of 15 high school teachers, 4 middle school teachers, and 6 elementary school teachers.

During the first four weeks of the program, participants took specialized morning and afternoon classes at TIEP, attended presentations by local guest speakers, participated in activities celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, made a day visit to a local public school, visited area museums, and took a field trip to San Antonio.

A central element of the program was a two-week school site residency at a location outside of Austin. Six TIEC-affiliated universities, along with individual educators in three cities and an additional university partner, helped coordinate the site visits in nine locations throughout Texas. The goal of this phase was to give the Korean teachers the opportunity to observe classes in public schools, participate in school and area activities, and live with a local family for the full two weeks – all in order to gain a better awareness and understanding of American culture and the U.S. educational system.

The group returned to Austin in mid-February for three final debriefing days, during which time they reviewed their site residency experiences and evaluated the seven-week program in its entirety. They departed from Austin on February 16, 2013.

Japanese English Teachers Complete Six Months at TIEC

Following a full semester of course work, three weeks of public school visits, and five weeks of home stays, 15 public school English teachers from Japan completed their six-month training program at TIEC in January of 2013.

The high point for many of the participants was their public school experience, where they observed classes, gave presentations about Japanese culture, and experienced firsthand all aspects of the U.S. educational system.

The program culminated with debriefings, final evaluations of the six

months, and a farewell closing ceremony. The participants departed Austin on January 24, 2013, with fond memories and stories that they can relate to their own students in Japan.



Dr. Joe W. Neal – A Tribute

Dr. Joe W. Neal, 96, passed away at his home in Austin on January 14, 2013. Dr. Neal was already a leader in international education when he spearheaded the establishment of the Texas International Education Con-

sortium in 1985 to facilitate a large-scale intake of Malaysian scholarship students. That initial TIEC project involved lower-division instruction in Malaysia by faculty members from Texas universities, followed by the completion of students' undergraduate degrees in Texas. Over the subsequent 11 years of his TIEC presidency, Dr. Neal expanded the Consortium from 13 to 32 Texas public universities and administered numerous international projects and exchanges in Texas and around the world.



In retirement, Dr. Neal kept in contact with many of the international educators and students worldwide whose careers and education he had helped inspire during his years of service. Dr. John Schmidt, who has been with TIEC since its founding, remarked, "Dr. Neal's profound influence on international education spanned decades, extended throughout the globe, and positively affected the careers and lives of many."

TIEC Career Opportunity: Vice President

TIEC invites applications from qualified candidates for the position of Vice President, to lead program development efforts while also assuming senior executive responsibility for multiple areas of TIEC operations. The ideal candidate will have an earned doctorate and significant managerial and leadership experience in a public uni-

versity setting. Other desired qualifications include overseas work experience, fluency in a language other than English, knowledge of nonprofit operations, familiarity with both marketing and operational aspects of study abroad programs and international student recruitment, and a readiness to engage in extensive international and domestic

travel. To apply, please submit your CV and a letter of interest indicating how your qualifications and accomplishments relate to the requirements and responsibilities of this position. All materials should be sent via email to: vpsearch@tiec.org.

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