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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*

## China Visit Indicates Strong Demand for More Study Opportunities in Texas

During an October visit to China, Terry Simon, TIEP Director, found a strong demand for study in the U.S. among highly qualified, self-funded undergraduate and graduate students. There was keen interest in TIEP's conditional admission and TOEFL waiver arrangements with Texas colleges and universities.



Dr. Simon spent six days in Beijing meeting with directors and advisers from more than 40 study abroad agencies and 8 Asian countries that assist students with their foreign study plans. He also met with Chinese university and government representatives and with students interested in studying in the U.S. Shown above are Dr. Simon and Ranger Wang, Director, Global Affairs Department, Beijing Century Bole Study Service Company.

**For more information on TIEP, visit <http://www.tiec.org/tiep> or e-mail [tiep@tiec.org](mailto:tiep@tiec.org).**

## Korean Educators Arrive for 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fulbright American Studies Institute

Participants in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English arrived in Austin on December 30. The 27 educators represent middle and high schools from throughout South Korea. TIEP conducts the seven-week training



program under the sponsorship of the Korean-American Educational Commission in Seoul, Korea. Participants take classes at TIEP followed by a two-week site residency in Texas public schools arranged through universities around the state. The final week of the program brings the group back to Austin. During the opening ceremony, group spokesperson Jaeyoung (Danny) Lim quipped, "We are professionals in Korea but here we are freshmen."

## TIEP Instructors Present at MEXTESOL

TIEP Instructors Chris Hastings and Matt Wallace gave a poster presentation at the 34th Annual MEXTESOL Convention, entitled *Utilizing Learners' Language Experience to Serve the Community*, which documented work with TIEP students in support of a nonprofit project in Panama. Students gained experience creating a business plan as well as digital media materials. As part of their presentation, Mr. Hastings and Mr. Wallace demonstrated strategies used to involve the students in the project.

While in Veracruz, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Hastings also met with Ms. Sandy Briggs, TESOL International President, to discuss nonprofit organizations and the culture of volunteerism in advancing community development.



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## TIEC Signs Memorandum of Understanding With UAE Academy in Abu Dhabi

TIEC President Ronald Aqua met with Magdi Hafez, CEO of the UAE Academy in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on November 8, 2007, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding calling for the creation of new academic and continuing education programs involving Texas



universities. The two organizations have agreed to partner in developing curricula; promoting best practices in business, technology, and skills development; deepening understanding of the respective countries; and encouraging educational cooperation and exchange. The UAE Academy

offers programs in various areas and internationally accredited certificates in Professional Development to enable UAE citizens to develop and excel in preparation for careers and leadership roles in the professional field of their choice.

## Texas Delegation Travels to Egypt Conference

A delegation from Texas A&M University–Kingsville (TAMUK), Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), and TIEC, traveled to Egypt in November to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Information Informatics (ICI 7) held at the Delta Academy of Science in Mansoura. Participants included Rinaldo Juárez, President, TAMUK, and Vice Chair, TIEC Board of Directors; Dan R. Jones, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, TAMIU; Jaime Ortiz, Associate Vice President for International Programs, TAMIU; and Ronald Aqua, President and CEO, TIEC. While in Cairo they also met with Hany Helal, Minister of Higher Education and State for Scientific Research, Ministry of Higher Education, Arab Republic of Egypt.

*Meeting at Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education in Cairo, November 10, 2007*

*Left to right: Dr. Ortiz, Dr. Jones, Dr. Juárez, Dr. Helal, Dr. Aqua, and Prof. Dr. Hossam El-Dein El-Attar, President, Benha University*



## India Visit Promotes Interest in TIEC Programs

TIEC President Aqua traveled to India on October 25 - November 7, 2007, under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State's Speaker Program. He presented lectures and participated in roundtable



*Dr. Aqua with Dr. Ramaprosad Banerjee, Director & Dean, and students at Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management, Kolkata*

discussions in Kolkata, New Delhi, and Chennai on trends and issues in American higher education. Topics included public-private partnerships, governance and finance, curriculum reform, and accreditation. Dr. Aqua spoke at several leading public and private institutions in each city and also served as a panelist for a session on the privatization of higher

education at a major international conference in New Delhi organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. As a result of his visit, TIEC has received numerous inquiries from Indian universities expressing interest in forming new international partnerships and collaborations with TIEC-affiliated institutions.