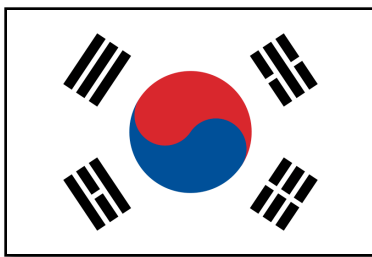


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UTSA's East Asia Institute hosts "Teaching Opportunities in Korea" information session



(Aug., 22, 2011)- UTSA East Asia Institute (EAI) will host "Teaching English in Korea" information session from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 1st, 2011 in the Mesquite Room (UC 2.01.24) on UTSA's main campus.

Dr. Jung Soo Park of the Houston Korean Education Center affiliated with the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea will be on campus to introduce the TaLK ("Teach and Learn In Koran" scholarships) and EPIK ("English Program in Korea" fellowships) programs to our UTSA students, faculty and staff. Both TaLK and EPIK are sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and are inviting adventurous global leaders whose native language is English to teach the language in Korea. TaLK and EPIK programs offer great opportunities to learn about Korea, its society, culture and language.



TaLK is designed for those who have finished at least two years of college education or more and EPIK is for those that have had a bachelor's degree in hand. Dr. Park will introduce both programs, the benefits for being part of the programs and the application process.

Korea has transformed from being the least developed, war torn country to a politically democratic and economically thriving nation after the Korean War (1950-1953). Today Korea plays an important role in the world's science and technology development, particularly in electronics, telecommunications, automobile production, shipbuilding, steel, semiconductors, wireless telecommunications equipment, motor vehicles, computers, and petrochemicals.

Korea is Asia's third and the world's 15th largest economy and it is also the seventh largest trading partner for the U.S. In addition, Korea is one of Texas' largest trading partners. Furthermore, the Korean language is listed as one of the high priority military intelligence languages as the tension keeps rising between the North and the South Korea. Therefore, knowing Korea and being able to speak the language will only make a student more marketable in international trade and in the political arena besides in the technology and engineering fields.

This presentation is free and open to the public and the seating is limited. To learn more about the TaLK Program: <http://www.talk.go.kr/> and to learn more about the EPIK program: <http://www.talk.go.kr/>

The UTSA East Asia Institute's mission is to promote appreciation and understanding of East Asian societies and cultures both on campus and in the community through research, outreach, networking, education, student/faculty exchange, and business development and cooperation. The East Asia Institute organizes seminars, workshops, lectures, conferences, film festivals, visual art exhibitions as well as bringing in performing art groups from China, Japan, Korea, and other Asian nations. It also encourages faculty research collaborations both within UTSA and with participating East Asian university researchers.

For more information regarding the **“Teaching Opportunities in Korea” information session**, please contact EAI at 210.458.4943 or eai@utsa.edu.