IU Kokomo/Delco Electronics Seminar Focuses on Doing Business in Korea

IU Kokomo's School of Continuing Studies and Delco Electronics Corporation co-sponsored the latest in their series of country-specific cultural awareness seminars. The February 15-16 seminar on conducting business in the Republic of Korea, held at IUK's Kelley Center, was opened with welcoming remarks by Chancellor Emita Hill, Professor Emeritus Herbert Miller, and Delco CEO Gary Dickinson, and featured a keynote address by the Consul General of the Republic of Korea. Other IU participants making presentations were IUB professors Roy Shin (SPEA), Heejoon Kang (Business), and Keyong Hee Choi (East Asian Languages and Cultures), and IU alumna Virginia Martin (Bowling Green State). Serving as consultants were EASC Associate Director Jason Lewis, and International Services Director Kenneth Rogers and Assistant Director David Lyman.

IU Kokomo-Taiwan Exchange

During the spring semester, Dr. Chen Sue-Jen of Taiwan's National Pingtung Teachers College (NPTC), is serving as acting director for IUK's Kresge Auditorium, an advanced technology facility that opened in January with the new IUK Library. Dr. Chen, who earned a doctorate in Instructional Technologies at Florida State University, is the first NPTC faculty/administrator to participate in the 1993 IUK-NPTC agreement for the exchange of education faculty and students.

This international affiliation, IU Kokomo's first formal exchange agreement, was initiated by IUK Division of Education faculty member Dr. Chiu Lian-Hwang, a native of Taiwan. In 1991, while a visiting professor on the Pingtung campus, Dr. Chiu first explored the possibility of such an exchange with NPTC President Dr. Fred Fwuyan Ho. IUK Chancellor Emita Hill pursued the implementation of an exchange program during her 1992 visit to Taiwan as a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities delegation on exchange program development. For the September 1993 signing of the IUK-NPTC exchange agreement, President Ho and Vice Chancellor Lin Shean-Huie paid the first official visit to the Kokomo campus. IUK education professor Michael Tulley was the first faculty participant in the new exchange, spending the 1994 spring semester in Taiwan. The arrival of NPTC faculty member Dr. Chen at IU Kokomo marks the full implementation of the exchange.

New OIS International Student Welcome Program

In January, a pilot International Student Welcome Program became available to Eigenmann residents assigned rooms of three adjacent floors of the graduate residence hall. The program, implemented by the Office of International Services (OIS) in cooperation with the IUB Halls of Residence and the Department of Residence Life, is designed to enhance the immediate arrival experience of new international students and to encourage international students to remain residents of Eigenmann Hall or other campus housing.

The International Student Welcome Program will sponsor social and recreational activities, as well as disseminate important information and advice to new arrivals from abroad through a special Welcome Program assistant who is resident on the premises. Trained to work in Eigenmann Hall under the supervision of experienced OIS staff advisors, resident Program Assistant Moe Zaw Aung is employed as an OIS peer counselor working cooperatively with Eigenmann Hall's resident assistants—communicating regularly and making appropriate referrals in response to student needs or requests. The new Welcome Program has been developed by the International Services office as a cost-effective means of addressing many of the post-arrival needs and ongoing concerns of international students at IU Bloomington.