

International Offices

IIE's global network of international offices plays an indispensable role in IIE's mission to promote the development of human capacity through international education. These offices and their programs expand educational opportunities in regions where they have previously been scarce, partner with local and regional governments to promote educational and academic reform, set standards of achievement, and build local and regional human resource capacity.

Latin America | IIE's Latin America office, based in Mexico City, celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2004. Breaking new ground, the Latin America office recently organized a partnership between USAID and the **Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program** to provide intensive English training in the U.S. to indigenous IFP fellows and the opportunity to learn about U.S. culture as well as enhance their understanding and knowledge of rural development issues. IIE Latin America also worked closely with the Mexican Ministry of Education to develop new measures of English language proficiency at secondary schools throughout the country through use of ETS' TOEFL Institutional Testing Program.

Through the **Ford Foundation's Regional Program for Graduate Fellowships in the Social Sciences**, IIE Latin America contributes to the professional development of Central American and southern Mexican leaders who have made significant contributions to strategic competence-building in the fields of public administration and civil society. In addition to providing educational advising services for students and professionals throughout Mexico, the office also hosts the State Department's **Regional Educational Advising Consultancy** for Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

Asia | In Asia, IIE's offices in China/Beijing and Indonesia manage the Ford Foundation funded **Asian Scholarship Foundation ASIA Fellows Program**, developing a cadre of experienced social science researchers through exchanges within Asia. IIE staff in Vietnam,

Indonesia, and Thailand work closely with the East West Center to support alumni chapters as well as raise awareness of Center programs which bring together scholars from across the Asia Pacific region. IIE's Bangkok-based regional office for Southeast Asia develops partnerships with local education ministries that are currently reforming education curricula and expanding access to higher education across the region. Other programs such as USAID's **Exchange Program for Sustainable Growth** support the development of clean technology, environmental management and urban environmental policy.

The offices in Vietnam, Thailand and China/Hong Kong promote U.S. educational opportunities by providing free, open and unbiased educational advising services to students as part of the U.S. State Department's worldwide network of advising centers. Annual **U.S. Higher Education Fairs** are held across Asia each October, providing a unique opportunity for local students and parents to meet with representatives of visiting higher educational institutions from the U.S. An ETS "Advising for the Future Award" to IIE's office in Hong Kong this year will support a new web-based advising service for China which will provide free and accurate information to students and advisers throughout China's mainland.

IIE/Beijing assists with the administration of U.S. Fulbright researchers and manages the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program in China. IIE's partner organization in Indonesia, the Indonesian International Education Foundation, provides a wide range of education services, including a new \$1million **Ford Foundation Pathways Program** to develop English teacher capacity in local universities, that will enhance the teaching of cognitive and communicative skills to undergraduates in traditionally underserved areas.

Europe | IIE offers programs for future leaders in countries throughout Europe with support from The GE Foundation, The Goldman Sachs Foundation and The Lucent Technologies Foundation. Its regional office,

Facing Page: top: Dr Tran Xuan Thao, Director of the Fulbright Program in Vietnam, and Dr. Allan Goodman congratulating Fulbright Students on their return to Vietnam at a ceremony marking the 10th Anniversary of the Fulbright Student Program in Vietnam. The celebrations highlighted the Fulbright Program's contribution to Vietnam's human resource and economic development as well as to Vietnam-U.S. relations and mutual understanding.

based in Budapest, implements a number of programs throughout Central and Eastern Europe to enhance environmental awareness and responsibility. In Ukraine, IIE/Kiev administers the Fulbright Program, with the support of the U.S. State Department. With more than 200 alumni, the office has stimulated discussions on issues of academic professionalism as well as established a model standard of academic excellence. The IIE/Moscow office, established in 1994, administers the Fulbright Program in Russia as well as the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program. The programs in Europe provide previously unavailable educational opportunities to disadvantaged populations who in turn gain the knowledge and capacity to enrich their local environment.

Africa/Middle East | IIE administers a wide range of programs in Africa and the Middle East. Through the **Development Training II** program based in its Cairo office, IIE has provided training to more than 65,000 people over the last six years. At the heart of this program has been the concept of “training for results” which has included strengthening management and technical capabilities and enhancing the professional performance of individuals and groups across Egyptian society. IIE’s Energy Group trains in the area of sustainable energy practices. In partnership with USAID, IIE offers the **Emerging Markets Development Advisers Program (EMDAP)** to U.S. MBA candidates who gain business experience abroad by providing management assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises and business-serving organizations in developing countries. On the **Education for Development and Democracy Initiative**, IIE also works with USAID to provide funding, NGO oversight, and technical assistance to more than 2,000 Sub-Saharan African schoolgirls for mentoring, tutoring, HIV/AIDS and adolescent health training and empowerment.

Globally, IIE’s offices also work together to assist sponsors with the worldwide implementation of their programs. IIE works closely with government agencies, private foundations and corporate sponsors. Ongoing work with The



David and Lucile Packard Foundation continues to support training in reproductive health on three continents. IIE’s longstanding partnership with the Educational Testing Service also widens access to educational assessment and training tools for students, private sector industry and governments around the world.

IIE’s network of international offices provide a unique blend of local, regional, and global capacities. Through them, IIE has the ability to partner with the public and private sector to implement innovative and meaningful programs on a global basis.

Center: In Mexico, the IIE-Latin America office helped organize a partnership between USAID and the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program to provide intensive English language training for indigenous first-year graduate students. Their nine-week summer course took place at the Spring International Language Center at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Bottom: IIE works closely with The GE Foundation around the world. Pictured here are Stuart Dean, GE Company, Southeast Asia and Executive Director Dr. Irid Agoes of the Indonesian International Education Foundation, an IIE affiliate, at an award ceremony in Jakarta, in July 2003.