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News Briefs:

- All of the construction for the buildings in Phase 1 has been completed and the final inspection by the North Korean Education Ministry will take place shortly. Preparatory work continues on the new campus as the buildings are being furnished and equipped with the necessary educational materials. Funding remains a long-term problem that slows the progress, but the work continues with the material available. The other long-term problem is the sanctions placed on North Korea by several nations that still have not been lifted, although there is a plan to do so soon. The sanctions against the export of certain goods to North Korea have prevented the purchase and installation of some of the planned materials. The Planning Committee members have worked around this temporarily by using materials that were available.
- The buildings may be complete, but the beginning of the first semester of regular classes will have to be delayed until the spring semester, 2009. There are still many time-consuming arrangements that could not be done in advance. There will, however, be several ceremonies to celebrate the successful completion of the buildings. The announcements of the dates and places for the celebrations will be made as soon as the plans are made. After all the many delays of the past, the planning committee does not want to announce the plans until they are final and complete.
- Even though the university will not open for classes in the fall, the planners hope to arrange specialized workshops or special lectures for the academics in North Korea or for the future students who are now involved in North Korean universities. All instruction will be in English in the future, so many of these special lectures and workshops will also be conducted in English.
- The first administrative and preparatory staff members are in the final stages of their approval to move more or less permanently to the PUST campus. They will be the core administrative workers who lay the ground work for the faculty members who will take up residence later. They will also maintain the buildings and oversee the continued installation of the cables for the vital information network for the university. Some of this work has already been done, but when the sanctions are lifted, there will be additional work to do.



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- The work continues to locate the future faculty members who will make up the staff for each of the semesters in the future. There are a number of individuals who have volunteered to participate, but many of them are only available for short terms or at specific times. A database of these individuals continues to grow with the names of possible faculty members. This will give the Human Resources planners the ability to provide a well-coordinated and varied stream of highly qualified academics to serve as the faculty members each semester. Long-term faculty members will provide the core teaching group and the short-term or visiting professors will provide additional research capability or specialized instruction. Interested individuals may email HR.pust@gmail.com for more information.
- People who want to be a part of this project in whatever way are encouraged to contact the planners through the contact points listed at the end of this newsletter. Financial support continues to be a great need, but the moral support of concerned individuals who will pledge to remember these needs is also very important. The planners are especially interested in having a very wide network of supporters. Many Koreans have been involved heavily for a long time, but the planners have a great desire to have more non-Korean participation. This project is not about nationality. It is about offering new hope and new opportunities through education to North Korean citizens who have had limited access to some areas of development. It is also about giving the best and the most up-to-date education in the interest of peace and reconciliation. Please join in these efforts.
- Joint programs with other universities and research centers are an important part of the plans for international cooperation. The planners hope that the stimulation from the varied ideas and fresh approaches that other academic institutions bring will add to the development of creativity and a passion for education among the students. It will also add to the breadth and depth of the level of the research done by the PUST students. Furthermore it is hoped that some of these students will be able to visit and study on the campuses of some of these partnership universities. Please help to find the institutions that will be both willing and eager to be a part of the exciting work ahead. If you know of such an institution or a department in an institution who might be willing to work with PUST as a partner, please contact Norma Nichols, the director of the International Academic Affairs Department, at norma.nichols@gmail.com.



The team continues to recruit personnel for PUST. Both long and short term faculty members are needed for the graduate studies to be offered. It is expected that all long term faculty members will work for one semester at YUST before going to PUST.

- Qualifications: PhD or equivalent for most majors, but a master's degree will be acceptable for teaching English.
- Majors: ICT (Computer Science, Electrical Engineering), AFL (Agriculture, Food and Life Science), (IM) Industrial Management, and AEC (School of Architecture, Engineering and Construction). Other Departments are GS (General Studies), CPES (Center for Public Health and Environmental Science) and IC (Industrial Cluster)
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