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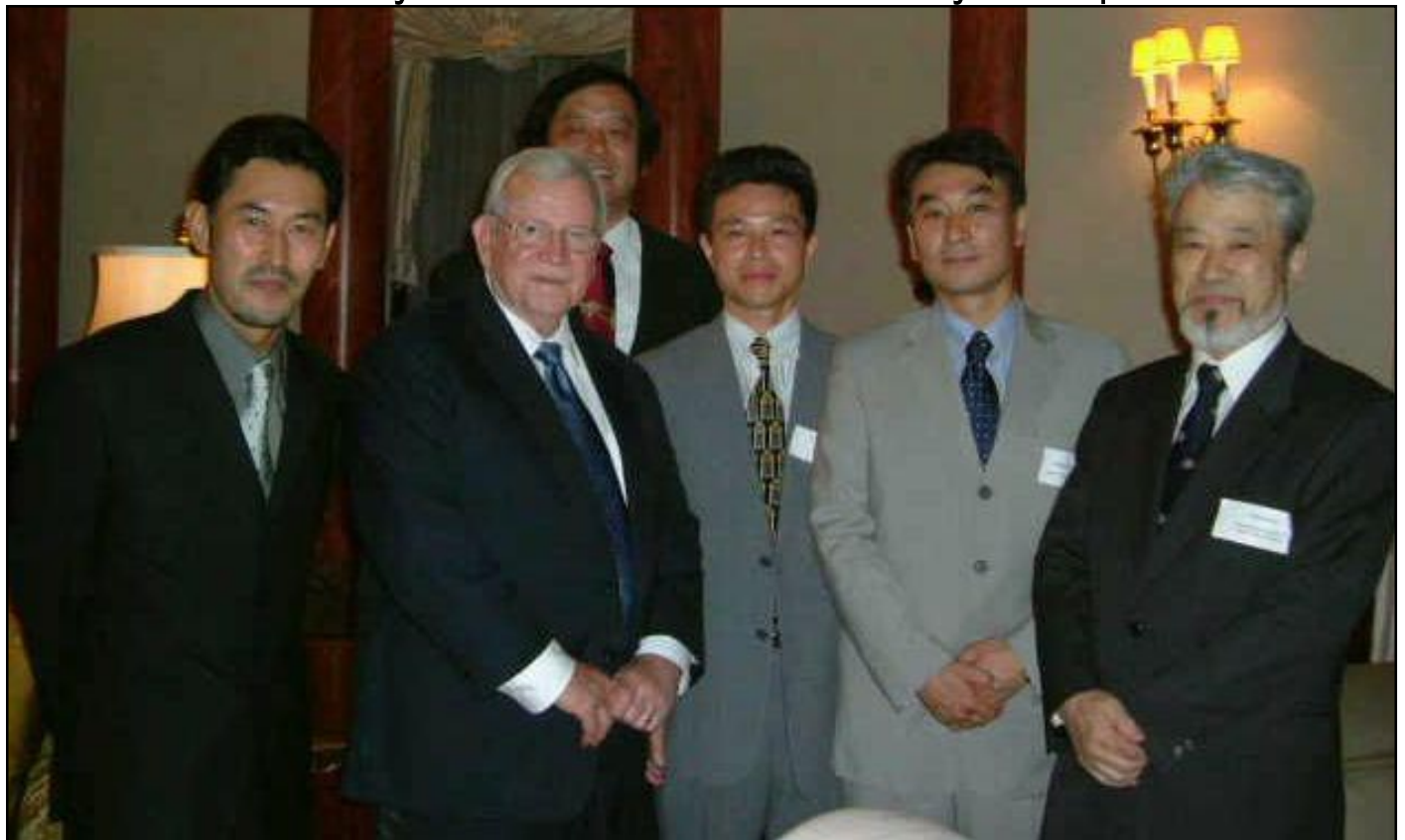
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## UT Martin Graduates Participate in TN Reception Held by Ambassador at Embassy in Japan



Koji Yamauchi (far left), U.S. Ambassador Howard Baker, Hisayoshi Kumagi & behind Baker are Teddy Yamamoto, Kikuo Terui, & Takao Ota.

On Friday, July 11th as many as fifty Japanese who have been associated with the University of Tennessee attended a reception held by Ambassador Howard Baker, a former U.S. Senator from Tennessee, at the U.S. embassy residence in Tokyo, Japan. The majority of the people had been to U.T.M. as intensive English students, graduates of UTM's regular curriculum, exchange professors, or administrators of UTM's sister colleges and universities in Japan.

Former UTM students and graduates, such as Hisayoshi Kumagi who graduated in 1981 and Tomoko Iwasa who graduated in 2001, had the opportunity to meet each other for the first time and discuss their shared and varied experiences, stories, and memories of having lived in Martin during the past 25 years. Masaki Takamatsu of Takasaki in Gunma described the evening as "a super brilliant experience." Lowell Brubaker of Nagasaki Wesleyan reported that it was a "most excellent adventure. [I] (n)ever had a chance to talk to someone like that before." Teddy Yamamoto who graduated in 1987 commented that "the reception and reunion with my old friends at UTM also rekindled my desire to return to the state of Tennessee where I feel I belong." (He and his wife are already planning a visit to Martin in September.)

# Kid College at UT Martin



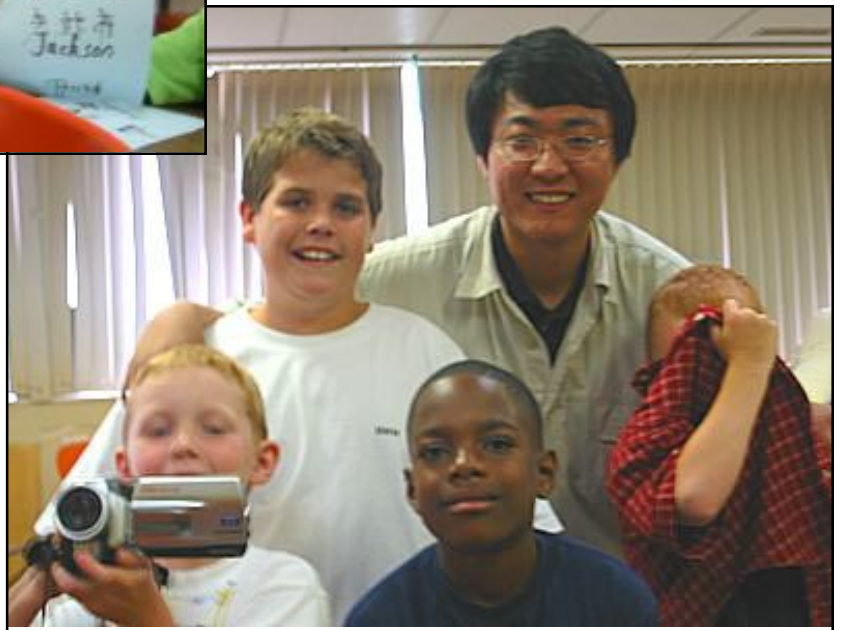
TIEP students participated in "college" for American children.

Students of University Preparation joined TIEP instructor Lynn Patterson and her group of American children at Kid College. Every summer when American children are not attending public school, the University of Tennessee at Martin offers special college-like courses for about two weeks. This year Ms. Patterson taught a course in international cultures and games from around the world. International students Kyung Sook Chang, Ya-Hsuan Huang, Bin Li, Sonomi Takayama Shan-Hsuan Chiu, Tokunori Yoshimura and visiting scholar, Xue Mei Wang joined the group to explain and demonstrate popular games of their cultures.



## Community Involvement at TIEP

Kid College, American Conversation Partner Program, Volunteer Day, International Week, International Food Fair are just a few of the ways that TIEP creates opportunities for interested international students to meet with community members young and old to learn about life in the U.S. and more importantly, practice English!



# St. Louis Will Never Be the Same Again!

Some of UTM's TIEP students decided to get out of Martin on the weekend and find out about the middle Mississippi River area.



Do you recognize the chaperone (upper left)? hint: She was taking care of TIEP students and especially Mr. Leach.



Travelling through four states and over 600 miles in two days, they experienced as much as possible—from a Broadway musical in an open-air theater on Saturday night to a baseball game between the Cardinals and the San Diego Padres Sunday afternoon.

They made stops to visit Soulard's farmers' open market on the edge of the old German area of St. Louis and the St. Louis Basilica, the largest Byzantine cathedral in the Western hemisphere.

Some shopped and a few found the time and energy to go to LaCledé's Landing late at night.

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