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**Texas Wesleyan University to host English classes
for Japanese exchange students**

FORT WORTH, Dec. 19 – A group of 12 Japanese students from the AIR College in Niigata, Japan, will be arriving in Fort Worth on Jan. 10 to attend English classes at Texas Wesleyan University. The program is a collaborative effort between Texas Wesleyan and the AIR College to develop international relationships and to give students the opportunity to learn about international business and culture, first-hand. In addition to English classes, the visiting students will stay with Fort Worth families to gain knowledge of the inner-workings of American families and will attend activities in the Metroplex including museums, the zoo and other points of cultural interest.

Mark Oppenheimer, director of paralegal studies at Texas Wesleyan, helped coordinate the partnership with AIR College in 2001. He is currently charged with the placement of Japanese students with appropriate families and cultural opportunities.

“It’s a good little program. (The AIR College students) love it. This year they hope to have more contact with Wesleyan students,” says Oppenheimer. “While they are here, I’ll be driving the van and taking them on a tour.”

This is the second group of AIR College students to visit Texas Wesleyan, the first

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having attended ESL classes at the University in January 2003. All of the instructors in Wesleyan's Department of Intensive English are qualified International English Language Testing Systems examiners. The department is recognized as one of the best in the nation and is qualified to determine which international students have the language ability to attend graduate school, including prestigious institutions such as Princeton, Duke, Harvard and the University of California. Wesleyan's Department of Intensive English is the only such qualified university department in the Metroplex staffed exclusively by qualified IELTS professionals.

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