Fall 2009 Facts and Figures

32 students representing 12 countries

China-6, Colombia-1, Czech Republic-1, El Salvador-1, Japan-3, Korea-4, Mexico-1, Palestine-1, Qatar-1, Saudi Arabia-11, Thailand-1, Vietnam-1

MY FAVORITE HOBBY
By Mr. Yu Chen (China)

My favorite hobby is feng shui (English pronunciation: fung-shway). I like it very much. When I was fifteen years old, I watched a show about how to use feng shui to find good places to live. In old China, our ancestors used feng shui everywhere. A master taught me about it. He said that if you want to study feng shui and want to become a master, you should choose to give up one thing from three. One is you will be poor forever. The second is you will not have a child. Number three is you will be an invalid. After you choose, you will be a master because feng shui is very powerful; you can know everything.

But I didn't choose anything, so my level is low now. I read a lot of books about feng shui, and I think I will study this forever. I like my hobby. Feng shui is an ancient art and science developed over 3,000 years ago in China. It is a complex body of knowledge that reveals how to balance the energies of any given space to assure the health and good fortune for people inhabiting it. "Feng" means wind and "shui" means water. In Chinese culture, wind and water are associated with good health, thus good feng shui came to mean good fortune.

Note: Kristi Miller (AEI Master Teacher) had her office analyzed by Yu Chen. He recommended replacing a cascading ivy with a plant that has large leaves reaching upward. He suggested putting a glass of water near the computer to counteract the fire aspect of the computer. She was also advised to have her desk chair back to a wall.

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You Can Help!

AEI has recently joined a fundraising program called SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. If you shop for groceries at SaveMart or Food Maxx, you can show a S.H.A.R.E.S. card, and then the AEI will receive 3% of your grocery total. Call or see Marcy to get a card.

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on your academic record (all A’s) during the first six weeks of AEI’s Fall 2009 session.

*Also had perfect attendance!

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Why I am Glad I Chose to Study at the AEI
(excerpts from student writings)

Majed Radwi (Saudi Arabia): "The AEI has a wonderful staff, both the teachers and administrators. It is at a good location. Because it is between Los Angeles and San Francisco, we can visit either of these cities easily."

Ming Xu (China): "There are so many students who come from different countries at the AEI. My classmates always tell me something that I didn’t know before."

Duc Viet Huy ‘Sam’ Le (Vietnam): "Everyone is very nice. I have been here just two semesters, but my English is improving very fast."

Saleh Al Gethami (Saudi Arabia): "...for various reasons, such as professional teachers, valuable books, lab room, and good environment. The books are valuable and helpful to learn from because they focus on TOEFL. All of international students need to pass TOEFL to enroll in an American university."

Angela Bustamante (Colombia): "In AEI I found not only an institute, I found a family. I’m very glad because I have wonderful teachers. I learn something different from each of them every day. My classmates are beautiful persons, and they teach me every day about their culture. It is easier for me to learn English with people that have a lot of motivation."

The AEI activities have been enjoyed by all!