

# TAICEP TALK



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Greetings, members of TAICEP! As we step into the second decade of our organization's journey, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible community we've built together. Our strong relationships and shared commitment to professional growth have been the foundation of our success.

Every day, I am awed by the active interactions on Gaggle and association, which I proudly call my professional home. [>MORE>](#)

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The annual TAICEP election cycle is upon us! Now is the time to consider how you can contribute to this wonderful organization and nominate yourself or others. [>MORE>](#)



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## FEATURED GAGGLES

*From the TAICEP email listserv "Gaggle"*

**Brazil** I have an older Brazilian degree certificate and transcripts, and we do not have any samples that are old enough in our database to compare. [>MORE>](#)

**Costa Rica** We have recently received a Bachillerato credential from Costa Rica from Universidad Latina De Costa Rica. I am seeing that this is equivalent to a High School Diploma but have been thrown off by the issuance from a Universidad?) [>MORE>](#)

**France** I've attached the transcript and certificate from KEDGE Business School, Bordeaux, FRANCE. I am attempting to learn whether this credential is academic or professional, and whether it is considered equivalent to a U.S. Master's Degree. [>MORE>](#)

**United States** Iceland's ENIC-NARIC office has been asked to evaluate a degree from Nexford University, USA. The documents state that the recipient graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in January 2023. Do you know the accreditation status of Nexford University at that time? [>MORE>](#)

**Vietnam** I was assisting one organization regarding the current status of a vocational school in Vietnam. Although the following is about a school that was temporarily suspended by the ministry since 2022, similar cases may occur at other vocational schools in Vietnam due to recent reforms and restructuring of vocational permission from the source of information. [>MORE>](#)

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

First, let me explain why I associate with TAICEP, since my situation differs greatly from many other people in TAICEP. I was a professor at a university and was in charge of student mobility programs and projects for almost three decades. However, I had no work experience as a credential evaluator. I retired on March 31st.

In 2020, I was appointed the first executive director of the National Information Center for Academic Recognition Japan (NIC-Japan) by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE), a major QA agency of higher education in Japan. [>MORE>](#)

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