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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Twenty-six students and three faculty from Technos International Academy, a two-year campus in Tokyo, will visit Illinois Wesleyan University, July 15-17, as part of a 10-day trip to the United States.

The Japanese students--12 men and 14 women--will tour the IWU campus; visit the Bloomington mansion of David Davis, a leading political supporter of Abraham Lincoln, a U.S. Supreme Court justice (1862-77), and a U.S. senator (1877-83); visit the McLean County Historical Society; tour New Salem, the home of a youthful Abraham Lincoln; and tour the Illinois State University farm. Several social activities, including meal functions, will round out their itinerary.

Stephen Fleming, director of international programs at Technos, said, "The goal of this excursion is simply to show the students something of American life and culture, from the large city to the university campus."

The students are from Technos' engineering, arts, and information sciences (computer) departments. They are studying fields such as electro-acoustic engineering, architecture, data processing, computer engineering, systems engineering, television broadcasting, audio arts, musical arts, interdisciplinary design, drafting and design, computer graphics, and mass communications and public relations.

Accompanying the students are three members of Technos' electrical engineering faculty: Ichiro Takahashi, Shigeo Sasa, and Ryuji Saishu.

Key events on the Japanese students' itinerary are:

July 15

- 6:30 p.m.--Arrival by bus from Chicago and check-in at IWU's Dodds Hall.

- 7:30 p.m.--Dinner at the home of IWU President Minor Myers, jr. with IWU faculty and students.

July 16

- 8 a.m.--Breakfast with a student group, Main Lounge IWU Memorial Student Center.

- 9 a.m.--Tour of the IWU campus, departing from Main Lounge, IWU Memorial Student Center.

• 10:15 a.m.--Tour of the David Davis Mansion, McLean County Historical Society.

- 1:30 p.m.--Visit to New Salem, Ill.
- 5:30 p.m.--Picnic at Fairview Park.
- 8:30 p.m.--Return to IWU.

July 17

- 9 a.m.--Visit to Illinois State University farm.
- 12:30 p.m--Departure from Bloomington-Normal.

Technos, a two-year institution of higher education, and IWU have several academic and exchange relationships. Miles Bair, professor of art and director of IWU's School of Art, and four IWU music, art, and theatre arts students traveled to Japan last month to represent Illinois Wesleyan at Technos International Week. Mark Denzler of Decatur--a political science major and international studies minor, a member of IWU's class of '93, and senior class president--was awarded the 1993 "Technos Prize for International Cooperation," an award given by the Tanaka Foundation in Japan to an IWU student (international studies major or minor) with high academic achievement and who contributes to the promotion of international cooperation and understanding.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,800 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. For four consecutive years, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked IWU No. 1 in the Midwest among regional 131 regional colleges and universities in its annual "America's Best Colleges" edition.