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Iraqi English Teachers Complete Internet Training with U.S.

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad hosted a ceremony yesterday for 25 Iraqi English teachers upon their successful completion of a ten-week online English and teaching methodology course. Conducted by the University of Oregon and sponsored by the U.S. State Department, the program is part of a wider U.S. commitment to provide quality training opportunities to Iraqi teachers of English.

These intensive distance education courses have been offered on a continuous basis since 2008, with a new group completing the training in Iraq every 10 weeks. The program corresponds to educational goals envisaged in the U.S.-Iraqi Strategic Framework Agreement.

Mr. Stephen Goldrup from the Cultural Affairs Office saluted the 25 Iraqi teachers, lauding their drive and enthusiasm to improve their English and help lay the foundations for increased educational and cultural exchange between the U.S. and Iraq. Mr. Goldrup also highlighted the crucial role they will play in building a new Iraq.

The participants are affiliated with universities and high schools throughout Iraq. They said they were eager to apply their new skills soon in their own classrooms. They added that the experience was highly interactive and provided an exceptional opportunity for a true exchange of ideas with University of Oregon instructors.

Information on English language teaching and learning opportunities can be found at our website: <http://iraq.usembassy.gov/education.html>.

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