The OIC International Student Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP) is a special international internship programme within the framework of OIC-VET and operated under the International Business Forum (IBF), which is hosted by Independent Industrialists and Businessmen’s Association (MÜSİAD).

OIC-ISIP basically aims to enhance the quality of workforce employed in OIC Member Countries and strengthen integrity and convergence of labour markets, and promote competitiveness of OIC economies through increasing knowledge and skills of university students about to enter into the labour market. By its nature, the OIC-ISIP involves various stakeholders in different sectors of the economy, including enterprises, industrial companies, SMEs, chambers, VET institutions, centres, universities, as well as non-governmental organisations and other civil society organisations to support internship placements across diverse areas of professional and academic interests. Internship placements are available in a variety of fields, including, but not limited to medicine, business, engineering, finance, tourism, IT, media/communications, mining, construction, international relations and the non-profit sector.

**OBJECTIVES OF OIC - ISIP**

OIC-ISIP aims to improve the quality and to increase the volume of cooperation between higher education institutions and enterprises towards enhanced integration among OIC labour markets. OIC-ISIP establishes strong linkages between the university and the private sector.

Finding a suitable partner is extremely important and key to the success of the Programme, and in the beginning of any projects, organisations are encouraged to utilise all possible means to choose best possible partner.

**BENEFICIARIES OF OIC - ISIP**

The OIC-ISIP Programme will generate immense benefits to all of the OIC Member Countries in enhancing their human capital in a collaborative and innovative manner with the aim of contributing to the development and competitiveness of their economies. Through close cooperation and networking among the OIC universities and private sector entities, the OIC-ISIP will establish a larger community of beneficiaries, and will help exploit the potential workforce in the OIC Member Countries contributing to cooperation efforts between relevant institutions and entities.

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OIC-ISIP COOPERATION PROJECT

The cooperation project on OIC-ISIP Programme was accomplished during the summer of 2010 together with Independent Industrialists and Businessmen’s Association (MÜSİAD), and BABIALEM International Student Association. 14 university students from 10 different OIC Member Countries, pursuing their degrees in various technical and vocational areas, were recruited in companies affiliated to the Independent Businessmen and Industrialist’s Association (MÜSİAD), in Istanbul.

H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, presented plaques to the participants of the pilot project of OIC International Students Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP) during the ceremony taken place at the 14th International Business Forum in Istanbul, Turkey on 6 October 2010. 35 ministers of trade and industry of OIC Member Countries, as well as representatives of nearly 600 business companies from 65 countries were present at the ceremony.

OIC-ISIP PROGRAMME IN 2011

The second internship period of OIC-ISIP Programme is going to take place in the summer of 2011 with the collaboration of Independent Industrialists and Businessmen’s Association (MÜSİAD), and BABIALEM International Student Association.

A group of university students has been already selected from different OIC Member Countries and will be recruited in companies affiliated to the Independent Businessmen and Industrialist’s Association (MÜSİAD), in İstanbul. The students will develop their practical knowledge in the fields of medicine, engineering, finance, tourism, IT, media/communication and business.

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