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# International chess mates

Members of the chess team from the University of Texas at Dallas visited China to play a match against Nankai University. The team lost in two rounds\* of play.



The University of Texas at Dallas continued its relationship with Nankai University in China recently by sending over its award-winning chess team for a competition.

The UTD squad, which won its second consecutive Intercollegiate Pan-American team championship last year, was defeated in two rounds of play, UTD chess director Jim Stallings said.

Mr. Stallings said Chinese grandmaster Wang Yue finished ahead of UTD grandmaster Alejandro Ramirez, while

international masters Marko Zivanic and Davorin Kuljasevic held two other Nankai grandmasters to four draws.

Mr. Stallings plans to schedule a return match in 2009, this time in Dallas. "We really are going international," Mr. Stallings noted.

He said he'd like to schedule more global matches, especially since the team has done so well nationally.

He said the five players who went to China enjoyed the visit despite the loss. Visit chess.utdallas.edu.

## Texas Instruments senior fellow to be honored at LEAP dinner

Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics Inc. holds its 20th annual leadership awards dinner tonight at the Omni Hotel in Los Angeles. Among the honorees is **Duy-Loan T. Le**, the first woman elected a senior fellow at **Texas Instruments Inc.** in Dallas. In 1982, Ms. Le started working at age 19 as a memory design engineer for TI. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a master's degree from the University of Houston, she holds 22 patents and has eight pending applications.

LEAP, based in Los Angeles, was founded in 1982 as a nonprofit whose mission is to achieve full participation and equality for Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders through leadership, empowerment and policy. Visit [www.leap.org](http://www.leap.org).



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## Upcoming events

### Saturday

**The Muslim Community Center for Human Services** will hold its annual fundraising dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Marriott Hotel Solana, 5 Village Circle in Westlake. The center's senior citizen group will provide entertainment. Call 817-589-9165 or visit [www.mcc-hs.org](http://www.mcc-hs.org).

### Saturday, Sunday

**D/FW Hindu Temple Society** in association with Sanatana Dharma Foundation will present Hindu Unity Day from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Speakers include Subramanian Swamy, a former law minister in India, and S. Kalyanaraman, director of the Saraswati River Center in India. The event includes presentation and group discussions on challenges facing Hinduism. The temple is at 1605 N. Britain Road in Irving. Call the Sanatana Dharma Foundation at 469-619-2341 or visit [www.dfwhindutemple.org](http://www.dfwhindutemple.org).

### Sunday

**Islamic Relief presents 2008 Evening of Inspiration** at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson. The benefit program will feature Zain Bhikha, seven8six and comedy by Baba Ali. Tickets are \$25 to \$50. Call 972-424-4479 or visit [www.irw.org/Inspiration](http://www.irw.org/Inspiration).

### Aug. 1

**Spread India will hold a cultural and fundraising event** from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Aug 1 at the Colleyville Center, 5301 Riverwalk Drive. Krish Dhanam and Dr. Prakasam Tata will be the speakers. Spread India provides underprivileged children with an opportunity to receive an education. Call Ravi Venishetty at 214-402-6671.

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