

ヒューストン補習校トリビア

ヒューストン補習校は世界で16番目、全米で12番目に生徒数が多 い補習校(世界一位/全米一位はサンフランシスコ校。生徒数1,352 人) ※私が以前駐在していた東南アジアでは、タイ・シンガポールに 生徒数2.000人以上のマンモス日本人学校がありました(世界最大の 日本人学校は、データ上は上海校)。補習校は現地校に通うことが前 提となるため、先進国でも特に米国、英国、豪州等英語を使う地域に 多いことを改めて認識しました。

「宇宙に一番近い補習校」だが、実際の海抜は34m。世界で一番 高度が高い(であろう)ボリビアのラパス補習校は海抜3.565m。※勿 論、気持ちはヒューストンが宇宙に一番近いです!

始業・終業時に鳴り響くベルは、実は made in Japan (私、てっきり" everything is bigger"のmade in Texasだと思っていました・・・)

現在使われている補習校の マークは、25周年(1997年)に 全校募集により決定された生徒 の作品。大変素敵な作品だと 思います。



以前は宇宙飛行士のお子さんが通学されていた為、学級懇談や 見守り当番に宇宙飛行士さんが普通に参加されていた(その世代の 皆さんはラッキーでしたね^^)

過去に補習校に在籍していた著名人:プロスケーター/宮原知 子さん(当時小1)、宝塚花組/龍季澪さん(当時小1~高2。実は現 教員のご息女?) 等





Mark S. Dzeda, CEO

2. Mark's impression of Houston.

Having spent 17 years of my early professional career in Houston, I observed the city's economic expansion firsthand. Our Houston Headquarters is directly adjacent to Harris County Appraisal District office. Why? Because not only did a vast majority of our international clients maintain operations within the greater Houston area, but also, from a strategic standpoint, nothing beats being next to the people you negotiate with on behalf of your clients daily.

Associate Members Industrial Tax Consulting (ITC)

1. About the Company

Industrial Tax Consulting (ITC) is a leading nationwide property tax consulting and advisory firm which has been in business for over 20 years. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, our offices are strategically located to serve international companies across the United States effectively.



At ITC, we offer comprehensive and full-service solutions to property taxrelated matters. Our team of Certified Appraisers, Valuation Experts, Senior Consultants, CPAs, and CMIs, ensure our clients receive top-notch expertise and guidance. We understand the ever-changing market conditions and technological advancements and leverage them to minimize property tax exposure for our clients.

Our diversified client portfolio spans various industries, including but not limited to energy, chemicals, utilities, building products, data centers, renewables, and manufacturing properties. We have established strategic partnerships with recognized industry leaders, enhancing our ability to provide our clients with a competitive advantage in today's dynamic business environment.

One of our key focus areas is assisting clients in identifying exemptions and incentive opportunities for property tax reduction purposes. Whether pursuing tax reduction opportunities or securing tax incentives early in the site selection process, ITC is committed to helping our clients optimize their property tax strategies and achieve

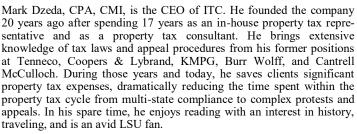
financial savings.

With our extensive industrial experience and nationwide reach and expertise, ITC is the trusted partner for international businesses seeking cost effective property tax solutions in the United States.



3. Self-Introduction Mark Dzeda

20 years ago after spending 17 years as an in-house property tax representative and as a property tax consultant. He brings extensive knowledge of tax laws and appeal procedures from his former positions at Tenneco, Coopers & Lybrand, KMPG, Burr Wolff, and Cantrell McCulloch. During those years and today, he saves clients significant property tax expenses, dramatically reducing the time spent within the property tax cycle from multi-state compliance to complex protests and appeals. In his spare time, he enjoys reading with an interest in history, traveling, and is an avid LSU fan.





2. Tony's impression of Houston.

Having been an integral part of the development of our Houston headquarters during its inception, I've had the opportunity to see how vast Houston's business economy is and how culturally diverse the city is. I absolutely love how you can meet people from all over the world anywhere you go in the city.

Tony Vidaud, DOM

3. Self-Introduction Tony Vidaud

Tony Vidaud is ITC's Director of Marketing. He oversees ITC's promotional efforts to build

brand awareness of the company's specialized expertise in complex property tax--especially within the international marketplace. As the company's ambassador, he builds and nurtures ITC's relationships with prestigious organizations like JBAH. He leads strategies, builds trust, and orchestrates the delivery of tax-related content distribution. In his spare time, he can be found on one of Houston's great golf courses or training in Brazilian Jujitsu.