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A YEAR AFTER 7.2, CETYS REMAINS STANDING AND AT THE FOREFRONT

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Mexicali B. C., April 1, 2011- Since April 4, 2010, CETYS University undertook a series of actions to deal with the events resulting from the 7.2 degree earthquake in Baja California. A year after this event, the educational institution, through its President, Dr. Fernando León García presents a summary of actions and achievements that have been implemented since that day, always giving priority to the safety of the CETYS community in the Mexicali campus.

After the severe tectonic movement, the directors at CETYS, guided by experts in the field, began with an assessment of the damage. The result showed that the high school and college building needed strengthening, since then, the work began and the facilities have not been used, due to this situation there is a plan for improving them, one that is consistent with the activities undertaken within the framework of the 2020 CETYS Institutional Development Plan.

Classes at CETYS University restarted on April 19 for the high school, undergraduate, graduate studies and continuing education programs. At the same time, endeavors began in order to provide solutions of new spaces, not only to meet the needs, but at the forefront and quality that CETYS as an institution offers its students.

Therefore, at the beginning of May 2010, 32 mobile classrooms were installed in the central part of the campus, also a cafeteria, bathrooms, shades, and walking areas were built. In addition, 4 modules for High School and Engineering academic services were settled, in addition grids for laptops and adequate lighting were installed; likewise, the construction of the chemistry laboratory began. In these adjustments and the reinforcement of buildings, around 18 million pesos have been invested to date.

In addition to the efforts made internally, CETYS University, true to its philosophy based on the improvement of the country, supported significantly the earthquake victims. The aid consisting of pantries, drinking fluids, clothing, blankets, tents and drinking water containers, were gathered through the establishment of a Collection Center installed from April 8 to 28 in the gym of the institution. The cause was joined by students, alumni, teachers, directors, administrative staff, companies and public in general.

Later, students from the 4th semester of the Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, accompanied by teachers and professional staff of the institution, attended the Mexicali Valley in May to provide emotional support to the community affected by the earthquake. The students, who are working in the Center of Support and Psychological Orientation of CETYS (CAOP) carried out this work on a voluntary basis where they attended on the people in the Cooperative Hall of the common lands of Nayarit, as well as Durango and El Faro in the Valley.

In addition and in order to be prepared for such contingencies, in August 2010 the CETYS community joined the UNIREC Committee (University Network for Disaster Prevention and Attention), which aims to plan, perform and execute those actions to the operation, training, promotion and development on college campuses, in order to prevent and respond to disasters.

The decisions and actions undertaken to date, seek to give priority to the safety of the university community, as well as the future of the education service, in the framework of the 2020 CETYS Institutional Development Plan. These endeavors are designed to be at the forefront that CETYS as an institution should offer to its students in the medium and long term, and to continue supporting our community. The President concluded.