

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Dr. Kenan Sahin Receives 2006 Golden Door Award**

Founder and CEO of TIAX LLC selected by the International Institute of Boston for his contributions as educator, entrepreneur, and business leader

April 18, 2006 (Cambridge, MA) – Kenan Sahin, Ph.D., Founder and CEO of TIAX LLC, has been selected as the recipient of the 29th Annual Golden Door Award by the International Institute of Boston (IIB). Since its inception in 1971, the Golden Door Award event has become a unique IIB tradition to honor a U.S. citizen of foreign birth who has made an outstanding contribution to American society. Dr. Sahin will be recognized Tuesday, April 18 during a ceremony at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston.

“The International Institute of Boston and the Golden Door committee are very pleased to honor Dr. Sahin this year,” said Carolyn Benedict-Drew, President of the IIB. “As a Turkish-born educator, entrepreneur and business leader, Dr. Sahin represents all the qualities that we look for in a recipient of this prestigious award. His contribution and commitment to our nation’s business and education communities are an inspiration.”

Dr. Sahin’s role as Founder and CEO of TIAX follows a prolific career as an academic, technologist, and entrepreneur. He served on the faculties of MIT, Harvard, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst before founding Kenan Systems, which became a world leader in telecommunications software. In 1999, Kenan Systems merged with Lucent Technologies and Dr. Sahin became President of Lucent’s Software Products Group and Vice President of Software Technology at Bell Labs.

Since Dr. Sahin founded TIAX LLC in 2002, the company has developed a reputation as a leading collaborative technology development firm that accelerates innovation to help clients achieve growth and create an impact in the market – and in people’s lives. TIAX was formed from the Technology and Innovation business of Arthur D. Little, Inc. and continues to operate at Acorn Park in Cambridge, MA, with more than 50 laboratories and 200 engineers and scientists.

Dr. Sahin joins a distinguished group of past Golden Door recipients. A partial list of previous honorees includes Victor Dzau, M.D., Chancellor for Health Affairs at Duke University and CEO of Duke University Health System, Inc. (2005); Alex d’Arbeloff, co-founder and former CEO of Teradyne, Inc. (2004); Henri A. Termeer, President, Chairman, and CEO of Genzyme Corporation (1999); Yo-Yo Ma, world-renowned cellist (1988); Arthur Fiedler, former conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra (1971); and I.M. Pei (1970).



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About TIAX LLC

TIAX LLC (pronounced Ty-ax) is a leading technology development firm that accelerates innovation to help its clients create an impact in the market – and in people’s lives. It integrates business, industry, and hands-on technology expertise to transform ideas into technologies. Formed out of Arthur D. Little’s Technology & Innovation business, TIAX (www.tiaxllc.com) builds on more than a century of breakthrough innovation and client success. TIAX was selected as a Technology Pioneer 2003 by the World Economic Forum and is ISO 9001 certified, with more than 50 research and development laboratories.

About the International Institute of Boston (IIB)

The International Institute of Boston aims to successfully integrate immigrants and refugees into New England. Founded in 1924, the Institute has assisted thousands of people from more than 100 countries. This year alone, over 10,000 people from 60 lands have received services through the Institute including ESL classes, employment and career training, legal assistance, mental health, resettlement, and economic development. For more information about IIB, visit www.iiboston.org.

About the Golden Door Award

The first Golden Door Award event was held in 1971 and has since become a unique IIB tradition to honor a U.S. citizen of foreign birth who has made an outstanding contribution to American society. The Award takes its name from Emma Lazarus’ words, which are inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty declaring, “From her beacon hand glows world-wide welcome...I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”

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