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[1] The 50th Anniversary of the International Training in Seismology and Earthquake Engineering

Today, July 1, 2010, is the 50th Anniversary of the International Training in Seismology and Earthquake Engineering. Congratulation for all the people concerned in the training! I'm very happy to inform you this anniversary as the director of the International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering (IISEE). The brief history of the training is as follows:

July 1, 1960 - March 24, 1961: The first training (Seismology and Earthquake Engineering Courses) was held at University of Tokyo supported by OTCA (present JICA).

(See Brochure at that time: [http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/docs/general\\_information\\_1960.pdf](http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/docs/general_information_1960.pdf))

1961 - 1962: The second training was hosted by the Building Research Institute (BRI).

Jan. 1962: Establishment of the IISEE in the BRI as an institute to implement and provide training courses.

Sep. 1963- Aug. 1972: UNESCO supported the training as the joint project with Japan.

Oct. 2005: Establishment of the Master program with the GRIPS.

Oct. 2006: Establishment of Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Course.

(Visit <http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/?p=train> for detailed information)

As of today, 1,435 participants from 96 counties and region have completed the training courses including regular (annual), seminar, global seismological observation, China seismic building, and individual courses. I appreciate all the participants, lecturers, staff members, etc. for their continuous contribution to the training.

Nobuo HURUKAWA  
Director, IISEE

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[2] Events and activities for the 50th anniversary of the International Training in Seismology and Earthquake Engineering

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the international training in Seismology and Earthquake Engineering this year and that of the IISEE in the coming 2012, we will have a series of events and activities; major ones of them are given below. Please join these events and activities on this historical milestone of the IISEE endeavor.

<<<Planned events and activities for the 50th anniversary >>>

[2010]

- July 1: The announcement of the 50th anniversary of the international training in seismology and earthquake engineering in the IISEE newsletter (the first article of this issue).
  - September: The 1000th participant of the annual course will complete the training course.
  - Publication of Bulletin of the IISEE with special issues for the 50th anniversary (we are calling for papers; see <http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/nldb/?action=letter&id=65> for details).
- We plan to publish special issues during 2010-2012.
- Publication of YEAR BOOK with special topics on the 50th anniversary.

[2011]

- Publication of Bulletin of the IISEE with special issues for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

[2012]

- The International Symposium for the 50th anniversary of the international training and IISEE.
- Publication of Bulletin of the IISEE with special issues for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Publication of YEAR BOOK with special topics on the 50th anniversary.

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[3] UNESCO-IPRED Workshop in Padang will be held soon!

As we have already announced you before, "the UNESCO-IPRED Workshop on surveys and activities of post earthquake disaster" will be held on July 6-8 in Padang, Indonesia.

<http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/nldb/?action=letter&id=65>

We welcome your participation. The final general information is available bellow.

[http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/docs/GI\\_IPRED\\_UNESCO\\_PADANG\\_Final.pdf](http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/docs/GI_IPRED_UNESCO_PADANG_Final.pdf)

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Flowers of the season at BRI



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We send this IISEE Newsletter to ex-participants whose e-mail addresses are known. The IISEE send you new information actively and accept your contribution at any time. In order to enlarge our IISEE network, we'd like to ask you to invite your fellow ex-participants whose e-mail addresses are unknown to us to join us. We welcome your comments about the IISEE Newsletter. Please feel free to send us your comments and opinions.

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