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New Training Course Started!!

Welcome Day was on Oct. 3

The IISEE Opening Ceremony was held at JICA Tsukuba from 16:00 to 16:30 on Thursday, October 3. 9 participants of Seismology Course, 8 participants of Earthquake Engineering Course and 4 participants of Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Course came together and joined the ceremony.



First of all, Mr. Senichi Kimura, Director General of JICA Tsukuba International Center made an opening address. Following him, Dr. Yuzo Sakamoto, BRI Chief Executive made a welcome speech. He told the new participants that the BRI has been conducting the training program over 50 years and the former participants devote their energies to earthquake disaster risk reduction in the world. And, Dr. Shoichi Ando, Professor of National

Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) delivered a congratulatory address. In the middle of the ceremony, each participant made self-introduction. Lastly, as the representative of the participants, Mr. Mukunda Bhattarai from Nepal gave an address in reply.

Thanks to the cooperation by their respective governments concerned and JICA offices, 28 candidates from 13 countries applied for the IISEE training program this year. Finally 21 nominees from 12 countries have passed the close examination and screening process by IISEE and GRIPS. They rushed to fly over the sea to Japan.

Including the new regular (annual) course participants, the number of participants is 1,099 from 81 countries. Counting this course, the participants of IISEE training program are 1,630 from 99 countries altogether. We are now looking forward to seeing a participant of the 100th country.



Call for Papers

IISEE Bulletin is now accepting submissions of papers for the seismology, earthquake engineering, and tsunami. Developing countries are targeted, but are not limited.

Your original papers will be reviewed by the editorial members and some experts. NO submission fee is need.

Try to challenge!!



GRIPS Entrance Guidance and Orientation

The IISEE regular training course is carried out in collaboration with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). While a participant enters the IISEE regular training course, he/she is enrolled at the GRIPS' master's degree program in Disaster Management Policy.

A participant who has successfully achieved required credits in a year will be awarded a master degree named Master of Disaster Management by GRIPS and IISEE.



At the GRIPS Hall

On Wednesday, October 2, the Entrance Guidance and Orientation was held in GRIPS Soukairou Hall. It was a heavy rainy day. Participants took a bus from JICA in Tsukuba to GRIPS in Tokyo, and got stuck in a traffic jam. They changed to a subway from a bus on the way. They were finally delayed the event and missed the invaluable President's welcome speech. However, the GRIPS staff kindly welcomed the participants and showed a

great deal of hospitality when they arrived.

After the general information at the hall, Professor Shoichi Ando gave the program guidance. Professor Shigeru Morichi and Professor Fumio Takeda also joined us. At the end of the guidance, the Disaster Reduction, Recovery and Crisis Management Domestic Program students came in the class and introduced themselves to the participants. One student gestured "NAGINATA," which is the Japanese traditional martial arts using a long pole sword like a spear. It is his hobby. The participants enjoyed it and gave him a big hand. After the guidance, according to the good advice by Prof. Takeda and Prof. Morichi, the participants and the Japanese students went out in the rain to have lunch together with joy. Basically the lectures are carried out in Tsukuba. The participants will come again to the GRIPS to attend the intensive lectures for two weeks from January to February.



Program Guidance

International Workshop: JAEE-ESGWS

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director, IISEE

International Workshop of Japan Association for Earthquake Engineering on the Effects of Surface Geology on Strong Ground Motion (JAEE-ESGWS) has been



Enjoy, Now

held on the 24th of September 2013 at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Roppongi, Tokyo, organized in collaboration with JAEE, GRIPS and BRI.

13 presentations of the newest related research topics were provided by the researchers from France, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Turkey, U.S.A. and Taiwan, for about 70 participants. I could obtain new information more than expected in this WS.

The program can be downloaded as follows;

http://www.jaee.gr.jp/en/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Program_JAEErev5.pdf

The handout of WS is on sale from JAEE secretariat (office@general.jaee.gr.jp).

International Workshop: 10th IWSMRR

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director, IISEE

The 10th International Workshop on Seismic Microzonation and Risk Reduction (10thIWSMRR) has been held on the 25th of September 2013 at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Roppongi, Tokyo, organized in collaboration between GRIPS and BRI.



10th IWSMRR At GRIPS

15 presentations were performed by the researchers from France, Japan, Mexico, Spain, Philippines and Taiwan, for about 60 participants. Among them there were the summaries of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster, the countermeasures taken by the Japanese Government and the related academic societies, the reports of the recent earthquakes in Spain, Microzonation and the risk

management etc. Many of the participants of this WS have also attended JAEE-ESGWS. It seems that these WSs were good opportunities for sharing information and experience for the future collaboration among the participants.

Contact Us

The IISEE Newsletter is intended to act as a go-between for IISEE and ex-participants.

We encourage you to contribute a report and an article to this newsletter. Please let us know your current activities in your countries.

We also welcome your co-workers and friends to register our mailing list.

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BMKG Delegate, Indonesia, came to IISEE



BMKG Delegate

The delegate of Center for Education and Training of Meteorological Climatological and Geophysical Agency (BMKG) in Indonesia paid a visit to IISEE on September 5, 2013. They came to IISEE to study the distance learning and training module production process. Members of the delegate include Dr. Hendar Gunawan, Mr. Girwanto, Mr. Sindhu Nugroho, Mr. Achmad Kosasih and Mr. Nanang Tyasbudi Puspito of Bandung Institute of Technology. Dr. Hendar is a former

participant of 2000 seminar course and was glad to see some familiar faces

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again. Mr. Sabarani Andiyansyah Zulfikar, a staff of BMKG in Indonesia, who was studying in 2012-2013 seismology course then welcomed and showed around Tsukuba area.

After that, Dr. Hurukawa of IISEE introduced our training methods and education system in seismology and tsunami topics as well as the distance learning and training module production process. They also discussed the possible future collaborations between IISEE and BMKG. After the meeting, Dr. Tani conducted a tour to the Large Size Structural Laboratory. Although they were only able to spend 2 hours at IISEE, we hope they had a meaningful time.



At IISEE seminar room

Letter from Ex-Participants

✉ *Dr. Federico David Guendel, Former Director IMS Division CTBTO (Costa Rica, Seismology course, 1975-1976)*






Dr. Guendel expressed his great sadness to have learned of the passing away of the former Director, Dr. Sadaiku Hattori on Sept. 7, 2013. Dr. Hattori was his supervisor in his individual study. They made a field trip together. He would like to convey his sincere condolences to Dr. Hattori's family and the IISEE family.





✉ *Mr. Hari Narain Srivastaba (India, *Advance Course in Seismology, 1969-1970)*

**We call it "Individual Course" now.*









Mr. Srivastaba informed us of his latest book entitled "Earthquake predictability, chaos and principal components analysis: Seismology" published by LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing in June, 2013. It is marketed through Amazon.com.

*** New Participants 2013-14 ***





No.	Country	Name	Affiliation
Seismology Course (9)			
1	 Algeria	Mr. Faouzi GHERBOUDJ	Researcher Associate / National Center of Applied Research in Earthquake Engineering
2	 Armenia	Mr. Ara GHONYAN	Senior Specialist / Seismology division / Western Survey for Seismic Protection / Ministry of Emergency Situations
3	 Indonesia	Ms. Yanuarsih Tunggal PUTRI	Staff / Earthquake Information Sub-Division / Earthquake and Tsunami Centre / Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysical Agency
4	 Myanmar	Mr. Tin Myo Aung	Deputy Superintendent / Mandalay Seismological Observatory / Department of Meteorology and Hydrology / Ministry of Transport
5	 Nepal	Mr. Mukunda BHATTARAI	Seismologist / National Seismological Center / Department of Mines and Geology / Ministry of Industry

6		Nicaragua	Ms. Xochilt Esther ZAMBRANA AREAS	Geology Engineer and Researcher / Institute of Geology and Geophysics / National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
7		Pakistan	Mr. Shafiq Ur REHMAN	Meteorologist / National Seismic Monitoring Center / Pakistan Meteorological Department
8		Pakistan	Mr. ZAHID Raza	Senior Seismologist / Water And Power Development Authority / Ministry Water and Power
9		Venezuela	Ms. Raquel Noemi VASQUEZ STANESCU	Seismologist / Venezuelan Foundation for Seismological Research

Earthquake Engineering Course (8)

1		Bangladesh	Mr. Md. Emdadul HUQ	Assistant Engineer / Design Division-I, Public Works Department / Ministry of Housing and Public Works
2		Bangladesh	Mr. Md. Shamsul ISLAM	Assistant Engineer / Design Division-IV, Public Works Department / Ministry of Housing and Public Works
3		El Salvador	Ms. Pamela URRUTIA BARRIOS	Junior Structural Engineer / Engineering Company of Central America
4		Indonesia	Mr. Adhi Yudha MULIA	Staff / Program and Cooperation Division / Research Institute for Human Settlements (RIHS) / Ministry of Public Works
5		Nicaragua	Mr. Erasmo Jose AGUILAR ARRIOLA	Assistant Teacher / Theory and Planning Department / Faculty of Architecture / National University of Engineering
6		Peru	Ms. Erika Nora FLORES TERREROS	Assistant Researcher / Japan - Peru Center for Earthquake Engineering Research and Disaster Mitigation / National University of Engineering
7		Turkey	Mr. Onur BALAL	Technical Auditor / General Directorate of Foundations / Prime Ministry
8		Turkey	Mr. Ergun BINBIR	Researcher / Structural & Earthquake Engineering laboratory / Istanbul Technical University

Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Course (4)

1		Indonesia	Mr. Budiarta	Chief / Sub-Division for Management Operations of Seismological Engineering / Meteorological, Climatological and Geophysical Agency
2		Indonesia	Mr. Nurpujiono	Staff / Sub-Division for Development Operations of Earthquake / Meteorological, Climatological and Geophysical Agency
3		Myanmar	Mr. Myo Nan Da Aung	Deputy Superintendent / National Hydrological Centre / Department of Meteorology and Hydrology / Ministry of Transport
4		Peru	Mr. Jorge Manuel MORALES TOVAR	Assistant Researcher / Japan - Peru Center for Earthquake Engineering Research and Disaster Mitigation / National University of Engineering

Total 21 participants

***ENJOY Japan and HOPE your SUCCESS 😊**