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Bienvenidos a Japón (Welcome to Japan) The 2nd Latin American Earthquake Engineering Course Has Started

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Mr. Mizuo Inukai and Mr. Takashi Yamashita of IISEE

The opening ceremony of the 2nd Latin American Earthquake Engineering Course was held at the BRI Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 on Monday, May 25. 16 participants from 6 countries such as Dominican Republic (2), El Salvador (4), Honduras (1), Mexico (2), Nicaragua (4) and Peru (3) join the IISEE training course.

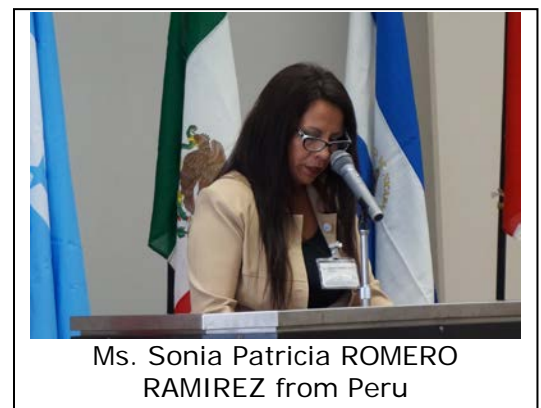


Dr. Sakamoto, CE of BRI

The ceremony was conducted with interpretations by two Japanese-Spanish interpreters and started by the introduction of the BRI and JICA executives and IISEE staff members. After that, Mr. Katsuhiko Haga, Director General of JICA Tsukuba and Dr. Yuzo Sakamoto, BRI Chief Executive made their welcome speeches.

Dr. Sakamoto introduced the history and role of BRI and explained that Honduras is the very 100th country which BRI has welcomed to the training course, and he told to the Latin American Course participants that BRI is now ready to welcome them. At last, Ms. Sonia Patricia ROMERO RAMIREZ from Peru made a speech on behalf of all the participants.

Latin America is a quake prone region as same as Japan. However, technology of earthquake-proof construction is not widely obtained in the area, and buildings' collapse causes huge damages to the human lives and properties. This course is executed in the aim of reducing damages from future earthquakes by enhancing and disseminating the earthquake-resistant technology in the participants' countries.



Ms. Sonia Patricia ROMERO RAMIREZ from Peru

Incidentally, all of the course will be conducted in Spanish language through Japanese-Spanish interpreters, and the

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Your original papers will be reviewed by the editorial members and some experts.

NO submission fee is need.

Try to challenge!!

lecture notes in Spanish are handed out to the training participants. The participants are not requested to have a good command of English in their application qualifications. For further information on this Latin American training course, e-mail to us via iisee@kenken.go.jp.

We heartily wish all good luck to their training course.

¡ Buena suerte ! (Good luck!)



Group Photo at the Opening Ceremony

Trip to Ashgabad from April 19 to 26, 2015

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

This is my second visit to the capital of Turkmenistan. The first one that was four years ago became unforgettable for me, because I got informed in the international airport of Istanbul on the way back to Japan about the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster. Ashgabad has been developed much, and the scenery in the city that became more beautiful than that of four years ago let me remember the days I had been there.

Fortunately I met two of three ex-participants from Turkmenistan (FYI: there are total of 1,664 ex-participants all over the world). Mr. Kakajan Kurbanov (Global Seismological Observation Course, 2011) is responsible for the seismic station of CTBTO labeled PS44 in the Institute of Seismology and Atmosphere Physics. Mr. Guvanch Annayev (Earthquake Engineering Course, 2012-2013) is now in charge of vice-director in the Scientific Research Institute of Seismic Resistance Construction.

As it is not so easy for me to travel to Ashgabad, I felt very happy in this



with the staff of Scientific Research Institute of Seismic Resistance Construction in Ashgabad

inaccessible opportunity. I thank them for their hospitality and hope that our friendship with them may continue eternally.

2015 Gorkha Earthquake in Nepal

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

The Gorkha Earthquake has jolted Nepal, China, India and Bangladesh at 11:56 NST (06:11 UT) on 25 April, with a magnitude of 7.8Mw (8.1Ms).

More than 8,000 victims were reported with more than twice injured. We, all staffs of IISEE would like to express our sincere condolence with the people in those countries, especially in Nepal.

Several ex-participants have contacted IISEE immediately after the earthquake and provided the information.

IISEE presents the special page of this earthquake in IISEE HP.

Please visit <http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/quakes2/20150425nepal.html>

M7.8 Nepal Earthquake of April 25, 2015
Uploaded on April 27, 2015

Event

- Event time: 2015-04-25 06:11:26 UTC (USGS)
- Location: 28.147°N, 84.708°E, depth=10km (USGS)
- Magnitude: 7.8 (USGS)

Information in our site

- [Determination of earthquake magnitude using duration of high-frequency energy radiation and maximum displacement amplitudes: application to the April 25, 2015 Nepal earthquake](#)
- [Report on Seismic Observations of Nepal by Mr. Mukunda BHATTARAI \(ex-participant of 2013-2014 Seismology Course\)](#)
- [Nepal in IISEE-NET](#)

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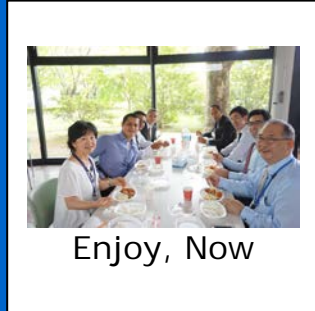
- [Mr. S. 30km ESE of Lamjung, Nepal, by USGS Earthquake Hazards Program](#)
- [Special Page \(in Japanese\) - AIJ \(Architectural Institute of Japan\)](#)
- [Magnitude 7.8-7.9 earthquake strikes near Kathmandu, Nepal - Geology in Motion](#)

Related institutions

- [United States Geological Survey \(USGS\), USA](#)
- [Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology \(IRIS\)](#)

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IISEE's special web page
for Gorkha Earthquake in Nepal



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Letter from Lecturer

✉ Dr. Taiki Saito, IISEE Visiting Research Fellow/Lecturer
(Professor, Toyohashi University of Technology)

Dr. Saito informed that tutorial video of STERA_3D is released. His mail is as follows.

“STERA_3D is integrated software for seismic analysis of buildings in three dimensional space.

You can analyze the building with reinforced concrete elements, steel elements, seismic isolation and response control devices, etc.

STERA_3D is distributed for free for the use of research and educational purpose.

STERA_3D Tutorial Video is released in the web site:

http://www.rc.ace.tut.ac.jp/saito/software_movie-e.html

Manuals and software are available from the web site:

<http://www.rc.ace.tut.ac.jp/saito/software-e.html>”