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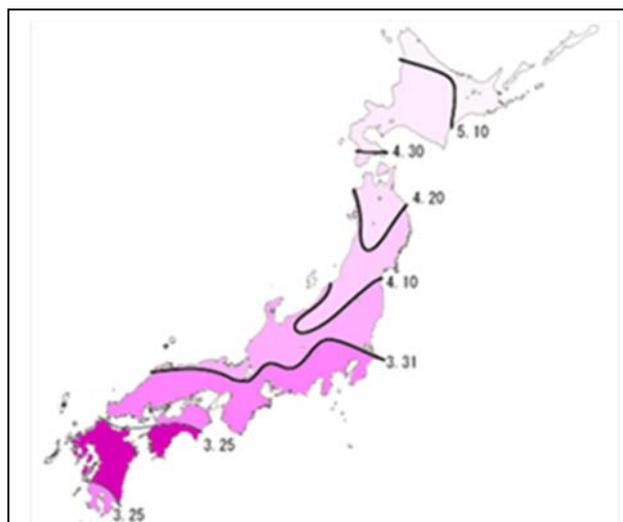
The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

## Lunch under the Cherry Blossoms

*By Mr. Yoshihiro IITAKE, Head of Administration Division, IISEE*

On Wednesday April 5, IISEE had a “Cherry Blossom Viewing” lunch party. We enjoyed the cherry blossoms and Japanese lunch box with Dr. Midorikawa, the president of BRI and Dr. Sawachi, the vice president of BRI.

In Japan, the place which bloom cherry blossom is



The diagram of the forecast of cherry blossom blooming dates. (average of 1981~2010)

Source : Japan Meteorological Agency

distributed curvedly and it moves northward. Cherry blossoms are so beautiful but the period of full blooms is very short.

Around IISEE we have many Cherry blossoms, and most of them bloom in the beginning of April.

On that day we have a great weather, and it was a very good timing to enjoy flowers.

Hanami is a Japanese spring tradition.

People enjoy eating and drinking under cherry blossom trees with family, friends and coworkers.

We had fun with participants and new comers, Ms. Oyama

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## 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!!



and Dr. Sasajima.



## Introduction of Personnel Changes

*By Mr. Yoshihiro IITAKE, Head of Administration Division, IISEE*

Mr. Hiroto Kato resigned from IISEE on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

As of April 1, the President and the Vice president of the Building Research Institute (BRI) changed.

Dr. Mitsumasa Midorikawa is appointed as the new President after Dr. Yuzo Sakamoto, and Dr. Takao Sawachi is appointed as the new Vice president after Dr. Isao Nishiyama.

Greetings from the new president of BRI.

<http://www.kenken.go.jp/english/introduction.html#preface>



Enjoy, Now

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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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## Greeting of My Resignation

*By Mr. Hiroto Kato*

I resigned my office in IISEE of BRI at the end of March, 2017. I have spent memorable good days with IISEE staffs and participants of JICA training program, though my terms of office was short around 1 year and 5 months. I wish to express my gratitude to all persons concerned.

Needless to say, the JICA training program in IISEE have acquired an international reputation with high-quality lectures by excellent lecturers and studious effort of participants, in addition the international human network is also one of great outcome of them. Those are supported by many IISEE staffs. The various events, such as monthly birthday meeting and friendship party held occasionally are useful to make a relaxed atmosphere and to help the participants indirectly. It was good experience for me to be involved in the various events.

Finally, I hope that the JICA training program in IISEE will progress favorably in future.

Thank you very much.