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• Colloquium, General Meeting, Friendship Party

By Mr. Yoshihiro Iitake, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

Now, regular training course participants are under individual studies which started on June 1st with their professors assigned respectively to write master theses. Almost half of them have moved to all over Japan from Hokkaido to Okayama-ken and been studying there.

Before their movement, IISEE held Colloquium and General Meeting on Tuesday, May 30th and Wednesday, May 31st. Participants presented the outline of individual training report at the Colloquium, and expressed their opinions about the lectures and daily life at the General Meeting.

Afterword, we had a friendship party in order to encourage them to get through the individual training. Also, we held a birthday party which female staffs regularly holding, and gave them heartfelt gifts and cards.



Colloquium, General Meeting

Earthquakes

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

Reports of Recent Earthquakes

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Earthquake Catalog

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!!



Reports on Kansai Study Trip for Latin American Earthquake Engineering Course

By Mr. Eduardo Orlando HURTADO GAJARDO From Chile



First of all, I want to thank JICA and BRI staff for planning and making a very good study trip for all of the participants of this training course. This Study trip to Kansai, was very interesting for all of us.

First, we went to Nagoya and we visit the amazing castle, it was restored and it seems us to go back in the time of empires in Japan. We took Shinkansen to go there and enjoyed it, too.

After that we went to Kobe and visit the Disaster Reduction and Human Restoration Institution, we saw a very sad experience of Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake

video about a girl who lost her sister at that time. She decided to do something with her life in order to help other peoples as part of her life, studying for becoming a nurse with remembering her dead sister.

Well after that we visited the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge and it was amazing to walk inner parts that not permitted for visitors, just as an attention of the staff. We could see the top of the bridge and how it looks like by the sky. And we can saw specific structural parts of it helped by staff of the bridge. We really appreciate it as not only wonderful visit but amazing engineer knowledge.



Finally, we went to Kyoto and I was impressed how to maintain old wood patrimonial structures with same wood of origin and the technique of join parts of wood pieces of roof structure. Besides we saw the To-ji in Kyoto Minami-Ku, a very old structure with an structural axes that permits deformation under earthquake, it is incredible is still alive more than 1000 years.

we will never forget all of these memories to work for a better world form our countries. I hope we met each other again, thanks for everything.

By Ms. Magda Nohemy CASTELLANOS OCHOA From El Salvador



Our trip began in Nagoya Castle, and we could look around the beautiful gardens with a nice weather.

The visit to the Castle was awesome. Outside is amazing, and inside is a littler representation of the real life of Japan in the past. Each level of the building is a museum and the top is an observatory. The palace was impressive with the delicate composition of details of wood and art work in the walls. Kobe was Impressive, too. The memory which is kept at the Disaster Reduction

and Human Renovation Institution is necessary to remember about the disaster and all the reconstruction. The whole city keeps the history in the parks and statues.



Enjoy, Now

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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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I felt privileged when I met the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge and its exhibition center, and knowing about the building process, the redesign caused by the earthquake and all of the maintenance process.

I went to the top of one of bridge's tower; it was unique experience in my life.

The Nojima Fault and the memorial park was an awesome sample of the force of nature.

Toji was an excellent visit; we could enter to one of the repair work of the temples. At the visit of the Kinkaku-ji Temple, we could walk around the beautiful place.

The masonry buildings of the Doshisha University were an amazing work of engineering architecture. The visit to the Fushimi Inari Taisha and the walk through the 1,000 Torii was perfect end of this journey.



Nojima Fault



because of the all the teachings it left.

It has been a fruitful experience from the point of view of learning because it allowed us to know deeply how the Japanese people have faced each of their catastrophes and managed to overcome these adversities.

It was also pleasant to connect more with its culture with visits to historical sites that describe its beautiful history. Thank you very much Japan. Latin America still has a lot to learn from you.

By Ms. Tamara Carolina GOLER NUEZ From Chile



prevention.

There is no doubt that the most efficient learning is experimental when

By Mr. Dwane Roberto AMADOR ROCHA From Nicaragua

First of all, I would like to thank JICA and BRI for giving me the opportunity to be in this beautiful country, sharing with you and my Latin American brothers. I would also like to thank all the companies and institutions that have opened their doors during this trip which will undoubtedly be unforgettable for each and one of us



Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution

they are happened on the field. Everything lived and experienced through didactic activities and field visits will be a great contribution to our knowledges.

Japan is a wonderful country and the people are even more; very professional people, human quality, respect, humility, helpfulness, organization, among others, are some of the qualities that have the people of this country and in particular the coordinators, teachers and all the professionals who have worked to prepare the contents of this course, qualities that I must be highlighted.

JICA and IISEE Japan, Thank you very much for this wonderful experience.



Akashi Kaikyo Bridge

Group of Government Officials For Building Technology, the Latin American Earthquake Engineering closed

By Mr. Yoshihiro Iitake, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

On Friday, June 6th, a closing ceremony of Group of Government Officials for Building Technology, Latin American Earthquake Engineering Course was held in JICA TSUKUBA. Nine participants from seven countries presented their proposition of business assignments improvement plan for their each country based on quake-resist engineering technology which they learned through the training course. They received certificates from JICA and IISEE, and Mr. Ramiro Mancheno from Ecuador made a speech on behalf of the participants.

I hope they could make new relationship and it will help to reduce damage when earthquakes occur in their country.



Mr. Ramiro's Speech



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