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## Courtesy Call on the MLIT Minister

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

Every year, One-Year Earthquake Engineering Training Course makes a courtesy visit to the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in order to encourage training participants who are responsible for the future of their home countries after completing their training.

This year, on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the participants met with Mr. Keiichi Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. Minister Ishii gave them encouragement saying that he wanted them to be leaders of countermeasures against earthquake disaster by taking advantage of their training result and their network. He also shook hands with them one by one.

On behalf of the trainees, Ms. Nabil Jill MOGGIANO ABURTO from Peru expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to learn disaster risk reduction and stated her decision to spread Japan's highly awareness of disaster prevention in Peru.



Ms.Nabil Jill MOGGIANO ABURTO

As what the Minister said in his speech, we all hope they'll act as mediators between their countries and Japan in the future.



Courtesy call on the MLIT Minister

## Earthquakes

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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!!



# 21 Participants Completed the 2016-2017 Training Course

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



The IISEE Closing Ceremony for the 2016-2017 Training Course which started from October 4<sup>th</sup> last year was held at the BRI Hall on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

People who are from JICA Tsukuba, GRIPS, and BRI celebrated the ceremony and awarded all the participants post graduate diploma and certificate.

There are three courses in this One-Year Training, which are Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation. In addition to attending specialized lectures in each course, participants visited disaster-affected area such as Tohoku(The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake) and Kumamoto(The 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake) in order to learn damage situation, reconstruction and lessons of earthquake disaster. Throughout the One-Year Training period, all of them completed individual studies to address the issues in their home country without stint of effort.

Congratulations to all the trainees, the completion of 2016-2017 Training Course.

Best wishes for your continued success.

### **Congratulatory addresses:**

Mr. Masayuki TAKAHASHI; Director General; JICA Tsukuba, Dr. Takao SAWASHI; Vice President; BRI, Mr. Hiroki SUNOHARA; Professor GRIPS



### **Best Research Awards:**

Ms. Babita SHARMA from India, Mr. A.K.M Sajadur RAHMAN from Bangladesh, Ms. Nabilt Jill MOGGIANO ABURTO from Peru



Ms. Sharma

Mr. Rahman

Ms. Moggiano

### **IISEE Director's Award:**

Mr. Jonatan ARREOLA MANZANO from Mexico, Mr. Juan Diego VALENCIA MARMOL from El Salvador, Mr. Leonardo Alberto ALVARADO GARCIA from Ecuador



Mr. Arreola

Mr. Valencia

Mr. Alvarado



Enjoy, Now

### **Speech in Response by Representative of Participants:**

Mr. Mohamed Salah Hasaballah Ali MAKLAD from Egypt

Professor Hiroki SUNOHARA, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Mr. Masayuki TAKAHASHI, Director General of JICA Tsukuba International Center, Dr. Takao SAWSACHI, Vice President of Building Research Institute, Dr. Toshiaki YOKOI, Director of International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, Ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

I would like to start with sincere thanks to all the attendees. This day is even more special with your presence. I am honored to have the opportunity to give the closing words on behalf of all my colleagues of Seismology, Earthquake Engineering, and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Course 2016-2017. The time passed like an arrow. I clearly remember the first day when we came to Japan as if it was yesterday and now we are at the closing ceremony. We came to Japan with enthusiasm, ambitions and aspiration, hoping to enhance our skills and acquire advanced science and technology. This is to achieve a supreme goal; obtaining the master degree and improving the fruitful diplomatic relations between our countries and the great country of Japan.

Japan is one of the most affected countries by the natural disasters in the whole world. It has shown us an example of patience, struggle and organized hard work in order to overcome difficulties and losses caused by the natural disasters. After every disaster, it returns



## 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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Mr.Mohamed Salah Hasaballah Ali MAKLAD

with new vigor, development, and competition among the great countries of the world. That is what makes Japan a great model for our countries to follow.

We have faced many challenges, such as lack of knowledge, shortage of expertise, and insufficiency of specialized studies and

technology to reduce risks in our developing countries. On the other hand, in Japan, all the professors and staff opened their doors to teach us all the new in our fields and provided all the means of success and development. They did not hesitate to transfer the knowledge and experience to all the participants through this one-year program, which is considered one of the unique and integrated courses in the world in the field of risk reduction.

This program has provided us opportunities to improve our skills through lectures, practical applications, field trips and individual researches. This has been reflected in our progress during the year. We learned the scientific theories and information technology, which constitute the foundation of disaster management policies. We studied Japanese policies and systems; and acquired the skills needed to apply problem-solving approaches to the development of concrete technologies and policies appropriate to local conditions.

Well, we did it. We all achieved one of the major early milestones of our career: master degree graduation. This is a major step in the journey of our lives; one that should be recognized for its tremendous significance. It is an act of not only personal commitment, but also pride. We all worked hard to get to this day, and nothing went to waste in our work. The course certificates given by IISEE and GRIPS are wonderful tools in this world, which open many doors to new opportunities to continue growing and to learn new skills that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. Nevertheless, graduation is not the ultimate goal in itself; but a part of the journey of life. Life is a journey, and all accomplishments we achieve during its travel should be taken as starting points for further achievements. Graduates, this memorable day has already proven that we can achieve what we set our minds to do, despite challenges, setbacks, and fluctuating confidence that nearly knocked down many of us. I hope all of us here today can take this individual achievement as an example of how we can make anything possible when we commit ourselves to it. As our life goes on, we will definitely face challenges. But let us try the challenges with confidence, taking it into consideration that we have attained great heights and are equipped with the necessary tools to tackle our futures.

In conclusion, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all IISEE, BRI, GRIPS and JICA staff for their support, experience, and trust sharing with us during this year and to all my colleagues and friends for invaluable support and friendship. Congratulations on the completion of the one-year training course and obtaining the master degree. And I

wish you good luck for the new stage of your lives.

I would like to finish my speech with a quote from Robert Kiyosaki. "The size of your success is measured by the strength of your desire; the size of your dream; and how you handle disappointment along the way".

Sincerely, and from the bottom of my heart, thank you all.

**Mohamed Salah Maklad**

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## GRIPS Graduation Ceremony

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

With the collaboration of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), IISEE participants are awarded the degrees of Master of Disaster Management when they successfully complete one-year training course.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Graduation Ceremony for the 2016-2017 Training course was held in GRIPS, and all the participants received a master's degree.

Eventually, all the programs of 2016-2017 Training Course have completed. Thank you for the exertions to make this course fruitful and successful.

**Dean's award:** Mr. Chintan TIMSINA



## Recent report of Dr. Hiroshi Inoue, an ex-staff of IISEE

*By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE*

Dr. Hiroshi Inoue, an ex-staff member of IISEE has visited Indonesia and gave a lecture in Padang State University on August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017. He could have a happy time with the ex-participants, Mr. Rahmat Triyono and Mr. Andiyansyah Zulficar Sabarani and others.



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