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Courtesy Call on the MLIT Minister

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



Representative of the Participants

On September 10, 2017-2018 training participants paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Keiichi Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism.

Mr. Ishii encouraged them to be a leader of each country of earthquake disaster mitigation through the network of participants and from this training course.

On behalf of the participants, William Guzman from El Salvador expressed his gratitude to the Minister for supporting developing countries through this training program for over 50 years.

He said he wants to proof the greatness of IISEE training course using their knowledge which they had learned in IISEE and to enhance the capability of preparedness for natural disasters in their countries and to keep having the passion of disaster mitigation.



Minister Ishii and the IISEE Participants

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.

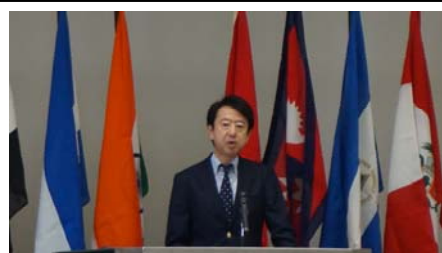
Try to challenge!!

Lastly, Mr. Ishii shook hands with the all 21 participants one by one. We hope the courtesy call help their encouragement of their countries future.



21 Participants Completed the 2017-2018 Training Course

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Dr. Hayashida Yasutaka,
Executive Director for Building
Research of BRI



Dr. Sunohara, Director of
Disaster Management Policy
Program of GRIPS

On Sep 13 we had a closing ceremony of training courses in Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation which had started on Oct 3, last year.

This year we had 21 participants from 10 countries awarded a training certificate of completion and take

courses certificate

Participants who were chosen by their country divided into three courses, Seismology, Earthquake Engineering, and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation. They took lectures in consideration of specialty. They settled research to cope with individual problems to have in their mother country.



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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Mr. Masayuki Takahashi,
General Director of JICA
Tsukuba International Center

In the ceremony, Dr. Sunohara, Director of Disaster Management Policy Program of GRIPS granted the best research award, and Director of IISEE granted the Director award to 3 participants each.

Using their knowledge and network of the research, we are anticipating their success.



Best research award
Mr. Ibrahim Gamal Ibrahim
ZAHARA
of S course from Egypt



Best research award
Mr. Nabil MEKAOUI
of E course from Morocco



Best research award
Mr. Bhenz RODRIGUEZ
of T course from Phillipines



Director's award
Mr. Thakur Prasad KANDEL
of S course from Nepal



Director's award
Mr. Md. KAMRUZZAMAN
of E course from Bangladesh



Director's award
Mr. William Roberto GUZMAN
CALDERON
of E course from El Salvador

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GRIPS Graduation Ceremony

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

In cooperation with JICA and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), IISEE can award the degree of Master of Disaster Management to all participants who gained predetermined results.

19 Participants of IISEE training course attended the graduation ceremony in GRIPS on Sep 14.

We appreciate everyone for understanding and cooperation to conduct this training course. Thank you very much.



GRIPS Graduation Ceremony



Address in Reply on Behalf of All the Participants in the graduation ceremony in BRI

by Mr. Luis Renesto MIXCO DURAN from El Salvador

Dr. Hayashida Yasutaka, Executive Director for Building Research of Building Research Institute, Professor Hiroki SUNOHARA, Program Director of the Disaster Management Policy Program of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Mr. Masayuki Takahashi, General Director of JICA Tsukuba International Center, Dr. Toshiaki YOKOI, Director of International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, Ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for giving me the honor to say these closing words on behalf of all my colleagues and friends of the Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Course 2017-2018.



During this year, Japan has been like our second home, where we have obtained endless and enriching experiences that we will never forget. Full of contrasts, Japan is a country where ancient arts, breathtaking landscapes and advanced technology coexist. Japan not only has strengthened the relationship between our countries, it has also created everlasting friendships, and has shown us its rich culture. Even though, they continuously suffer from a range of natural disasters, they have been able to proudly overcome its adversities through hard work, discipline and state of the art technology, to the point where they are now recognized as a world benchmark in risk management and prevention.

Looking closely at this admirable performance, I would like to highlight two key features of Japan's success in dealing with natural disasters, which we had the opportunity to learn through lectures, field trips and testimonies about The Great East Japan, Niigata, Kobe and the Kumamoto Earthquakes. The first feature is related to its full commitment to early childhood education involving social awareness and common welfare, which I consider the cornerstone in its rapid strength to overcome the difficulties caused by huge natural disasters. The second feature is connected in how much importance is given to the volunteers, whose vocation to help and total altruism is one of the key elements for the disaster management to meet its goals. Without any doubt, the culture and personality of Japanese people are worthy of admiration.

Time has passed like the wind. It has been almost a year since we all left our countries, full of dreams, expectations and hope. We were all eager and hungry for knowledge. Thanks to the support among us, the wisdom of our teachers and the charisma of the staff; it was possible to reach our goals and culminate the beginning of a new chapter of our lives equipped with a master's degree. From the first day we arrived in Japan, we were reinforcing our ikigai or better known as our reason for living, where the skills, passion and values are aligned, being evidenced in our excellent research studies. This can be argued with a William Shakespeare quote: "We know what we are, but know not what we may be"; which means that without effort, dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm, we would not have discovered what we are capable of becoming.

I know that each one of us has worked hard to achieve this recognition. It will surely open many doors for us to continue strengthening our professional development and increase the

technical capacity of our organizations. I can say that the knowledge that we acquired has been like a seed that has been planted in fertile land, which we will take to share and apply in each of our countries. The fruit will be reflected both in the short and long term in our daily work on the basis of building a more resilient society to natural disasters.

Finally, I want to conclude this speech by expressing our sincere gratitude to IISEE, BRI, JICA and GRIPS for all the knowledge, experiences and trust that have been shared with us during this year. To all my colleagues and friends, thank you for the invaluable support and friendship. Congratulations on this great achievement and as Nelson Mandela once said: "...after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb". I wish you all the best of luck in this new stage of your lives that you are about to embark on once you return to your home countries.

Thank you all.

