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IISEE Welcomes 23 Participants from 12 Countries

By Ms. Yoriko Iiba, Head of IISEE Administration Division

The IISEE opening ceremony of the 2014-2015 training course was held at JICA Tsukuba from 16:00 to 16:30 on Friday, October 3. They are 7 participants of Seismology Course, 10 participants of Earthquake Engineering Course and 6 participants of Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Course. For most of them it is the first time to come to Japan.



Dr. Sakamoto, CE of BRI

At the ceremony, Mr. Senichi Kimura, Director General of JICA Tsukuba International Center made an opening address. Next, Dr. Yuzo Sakamoto, BRI Chief Executive made a welcome speech. He told the new participants that the BRI has been conducting the training program over 50 years and he still felt sympathy with the people suffered from earthquakes and tsunamis. He hoped that they would learn how people in the devastated areas

lives as well as natural disasters themselves. And, Dr. Shoichi Ando, Professor of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) delivered a congratulatory address. In the middle of the ceremony, each participant made self-introduction. Lastly, as the representative of the participants, Mr. Emilio Adan Talavera Martinez from Nicaragua gave an address in reply.

Thanks to the cooperation by their respective governments concerned and JICA offices, 29 candidates from 12 countries applied for the IISEE training program this year. Finally 23 participants from 12 countries have come over to Japan.



New Participants and BRI and JICA Staff

Including the new one-year course participants, the number of the participants is 1,121 from 81 countries. Counting this course, the participants of IISEE training program are 1,676 from 99 countries altogether. We are now looking forward to seeing a participant from a country of the entry number 100.

Earthquakes

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

Reports of Recent Earthquakes

Utsu Catalog

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!!



Enjoy, Now

GRIPS Entrance Guidance and Orientation

By Ms. Yoriko Iiba, Head of IISEE Administration Division

The IISEE one-year training program is carried out in collaboration with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). While a participant enters the IISEE regular training course, he/she is enrolled at the GRIPS' master's degree program in Disaster Management Policy.

A participant who has successfully achieved the required credits in IISEE for one year and submitted a master's thesis will be awarded a master degree named Master of Disaster Management by GRIPS and IISEE/BRI.



Program Guidance

On Thursday October 2, the Entrance Guidance and Orientation was held in the GRIPS Soukairou Hall. New 23 participants joined it. At the beginning, Prof. Takashi Shiraishi, GRIPS President made a speech of welcome.

After the entrance ceremony at the hall, Prof. Shoichi Ando, Program Director of Disaster Management Policy and Prof. Hitoshi Ieda gave the program guidance. Prof. Ando showed the general

information and Prof. Ieda made supplementary instructions of the intensive lectures in GRIPS for two weeks from January to February. They plan to have a study tour to Tokyo Metropolitan District and a group presentation and discussion program. Prof. Ieda brilliantly explained the content and made the participants of IISEE and ICHARM (International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management, Public Works Research Institute) into 3 groups. Those are "Disasters in Urban Areas," "Disasters in Coastal Areas" and "Disasters in Inland Rural Areas."

Basically their lectures are carried out in Tsukuba. Through this new challenge by the professors, we hope the participants have excellent experiences in GRIPS, Tokyo in two weeks.



At the GRIPS Hall

Visit to Edo-Tokyo Museum and Honjo Life Safety Learning Center, October 10, 2014

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

It was the first chance for the Seismology course and Earthquake Engineering course participants to go to Tokyo Metropolis after they have come to Tsukuba. In the morning at Edo-Tokyo Museum, they learned the geological history of Tokyo Low Land, namely, the formation of thick soft soils in the eastern part of the metropolis and also the damage due to the 1923 Kanto Earthquake.

In the afternoon at Honjo Life Safety Learning Center, they got experiences of "Evacuation from smoke and fire," "Heavy storm and rain," "Devastating Ground Shaking on Simulator" and "Firefighting with fire extinguishers,"



Rainstorm Simulation

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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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namely, they have gotten smoked, wet, shaken and finally have shout "Kajida!!!" I hope that they also had fun by the scenery of Tokyo Downtown on the way.

New Free Book for Earthquake Engineers published by UNESCO

"New guidelines to improve the safety of informal buildings" by Prof. Anand S. Arya (India), Prof. Teddy Boen (Indonesia) and Prof. Yuji Ishiyama (Japan) has been published by UNESCO.

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http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/about-us/single-view/news/new_guidelines_to_improve_the_safety_of_informal_buildings/#.VA T9a6OHh0o
















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Prof. Anand S. Arya, Prof. Emeritus of Earthquake Engineering in IIT Roorkee, India, and the Chairman, Bureau of Indian Standards Committee on Earthquake Engineering Codes, the Government of India, and has given lectures in IISEE as an UNESCO expert (1988-1993). Prof. Teddy Boen is a senior adviser for the World Seismic Safety Initiative and a former director of the International Association for Earthquake Engineering who has participated in Earthquake Engineering Course (1962-1963). Prof. Yuji Ishiyama, Prof. Emeritus of Hokkaido Univ., Japan, has been Head of Earthquake Engineering, IISEE and for many years giving lectures in Earthquake Engineering Course.

*** New Participants 2014-15 ***

No.	Country	Name	Affiliation
Seismology Course (7)			
1	 Algeria	Mr. Moad CHIKH	Researcher, Seismic Hazard Division, National Center of Applied Research in Earthquake Engineering
2	 Mongolia	Mr. Ganzorig DAVAASUREN	Researcher, Department of Seismology, Research Center of Astronomy and Geophysics of Mongolian Academy of Sciences
3	 Mongolia	Ms. Baigalimaa GANBAT	Researcher, Department of Seismology, Research Center of Astronomy and Geophysics of Mongolian Academy of Sciences
4	 Mongolia	Mr. Baasanbat TSAGAAN	Researcher, Department of Seismology, Research Center of Astronomy and Geophysics of Mongolian Academy of Sciences
5	 Myanmar	Mr. Kyaw Kyaw LIN	Assistant Director, National Earthquake Data Center, Seismological Division, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, Ministry of Transport
6	 Peru	Ms. Nadia Eda MACAVILCA ROJAS	Research Assistant, Planning and Disaster Mitigation Department, Japan-Peru Center for Earthquake Engineering Research and Disaster Mitigation
7	 Philippines	Mr. Johnlery Pino DEXIMO	Science Research Assistant, Seismological Observation and Earthquake Prediction Division, Department of Science and Technology, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology

Earthquake Engineering Course (10)					
1		Bangladesh	Mr.	Md Shafiul ISLAM	Assistant Engineer Design Circle - 1, Public Works Department
2		Bangladesh	Mr.	Md Jahidul Islam KHAN	Assistant Engineer, Design Division - II, Public Works Department
3		El Salvador	Mr.	Gino Francisco CABALLERO MORALES	Project Manager, Techniical Management, Construction Service and Consultant
4		El Salvador	Mr.	Nelson Alejandro QUINTANILLA PINTO	Technician, Research and Development Direction, Ministry of Public Works, Transport, Housing and Urban Development
5		Nepal	Mr.	Harish Chandra LAMICHHANE	Civil Engineer, Urban Development Division, Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City Office
6		Nepal	Mr.	Nagendra Ray YADAV	Engineer, Gaur Rautahat Municipality Office
7		Nicaragua	Mr.	DULANTO GUTIERREZ Pedro Manuel	Teacher, Department of Construction, Faculty of Construction Technology, National Engineering University
8		Peru	Ms.	Mary Criss SUAREZ ANTUNEZ	Research Assistant, Structural Engineering Laboratory, Japan-Peru Center for Earthquake Engineering Research and Disaster Mitigation
9		Philippines	Ms.	Kathrine Anne Malabuyoc CAILING	Engineer II , Building Division, Bureau of Design, Department of Public Works and Highways
10		Thailand	Mr.	Suppachai SINTHAWORN	Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Faculty of Engineering, Srinakharinwirot University
Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Course (6)					
1		Ecuador	Ms.	Patricia ARREAGA VARGAS	Oceanographer Researcher 2, Marine Science Department, Institute of Oceanography, Navy, Ecuador
2		Ecuador	Ms.	Teresa Jacqueline VERA SAN MARTIN	Analyst III -GIS Tecnician, Situaton Room, Risk Management Office
3		Indonesia	Mr.	Fauzi	Staff, Geophysic Division, Meteorological Climatological and Geophysical Agency
4		Indonesia	Mr.	Urip Setiyono	Staff, Center for Earthquake and Tsunami, Meteorological Climatological and Geophysical Agency
5		Nicaragua	Mr.	Emilio Adan TALAVERA MARTINEZ	Director of Seismology, General Direction of Geophysics, Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies
6		Philippines	Mr.	Karl Vincent Colobong SORIANO	Science Research Assistant, Seismological Observation and Earthquake Predictoin Division, Department of Science and Technology, Philippine Institute of Volcanolgy and Seismology

Total 23 participants