

### **IISEE Newsletter**



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#### HANAMI -Cherry Blossom Viewing-

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







This year, cherry blossoms which are located around IISEE started blooming pale pink flowers around March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Hanami (Cherry blossom viewing) season is one week earlier than last year.

We had a Hanami Lunch on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> with annual course participants. We had

a great time with cherry blossoms in full bloom and Karaage lunch box which is most popular among the participants.

Since long ago, Japanese people have loved Hanami all over the country. Recently many foreign people travel Japan to enjoy the cherry blossom season.

In Japan, the place which blooms cherry blossom is distributed curvedly and it moves northward. After the full bloom, spring winds take a petal one by one and the buds begin to open within a week. Cherry blossom season is a fleeting moment.

It was a perfect day for Hanami.



**IISEENET** 

IISEE-UNESCO Lecture Note

**IISEE** E-learning

Synopsis Database

**Bulletin Database** 



#### **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!!



#### Introduction of personal changes

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

As of March 31, Mr. Mizuo Inukai and Mr. Tappei Hara were transferred to National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management (NILIM) and Dr. Haruhiko Suwada and Mr. Sho Hamano from NILIM transferred to IISEE by turns.

As of April 1, Dr. Saeko Kita joined IISEE.

#### Greetings from New IISEE staff

By Dr. Saeko Kita, Senior Research Scientist of IISEE



I am Saeko Kita, who is a seismologist. I have moved from Hiroshima University to BRI in this month. In Hiroshima University, I teach several classes and have two undergraduate students for two years. Before I was an assistant professor at Hiroshima University, I was a research fellow in NIED, Tsukuba for three years. I got a Ph.D. degree in Tohoku University in Sendai. At that time, one foreign student, who was a student of BRI, was also a member of the same laboratory with me. I hope to do my best in BRI using my experience in Tohoku University, NIED and Hiroshima University.

By Dr. Haruhiko Suwada, Senior Research Engineer of IISEE



My name is Haruhiko Suwada. I was transferred to BRI from NILIM in Apr 2018.

I am a researcher in the earthquake engineering field; I specialize in reinforced concrete structure. I am currently the course leader of a training program on enhancement and dissemination of earthquake-resistant technology for buildings in Latin American countries. I have worked at BRI and NILIM for 30years and have experienced much experimental study and earthquake damage survey so far. I would like to make an effort to

reflect this experience in the IISEE training program.

By Mr. Sho Hamano, Adiministrative of Training and General Affairs, Administration Division, IISEE



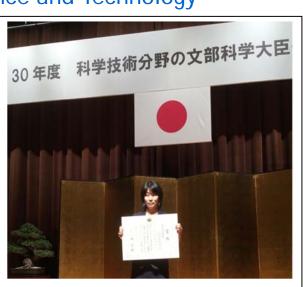
I'm Sho Hamano who is assigned to IISEE in April. I commute from Kashiwa, Chiba prefecture.

I know that I have many things to learn, and I'm sure that I will have many questions as I get used to working in IISEE.

I look forward to your guidance and support.

# The 2018 Commendation for Science and Technology by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Dr. Saeko KITA, A Senior Research Scientist of IISEE, was awarded The Young Scientists' Prize. Her research "Studies for generation process of intermediate-depth intraslab earthquakes" was evaluated as having a remarkable research achievement showing advanced research and development capability such as germinating research and ingenious viewpoint research.



## Participants of 2018 Latin American Earthquake Engineering course have decided.

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

Latin American Earthquake Engineering course will start next month. There were 31 applicants from 9 countries (Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.) and we have decided 12 participants from 8 countries. 2 people each will join the course from Nicaragua, El Salvador, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Recruitment for the next year is expected to take place from January to the middle of April, 2019. You, if interested, should check the following qualifications and prepare for application. The first thing you should do may be to tell your wish to your chief on the job.

The followings are the 5 essential qualifications for this course:

- + Educational Background: University Graduate or equivalent in the field of civil engineering or architecture.
- + Work experience: More than 5 years of experience in the field of civil engineering, preferably in the area of earthquake-resistance engineering.
- + Current position:
- <Technical staffs> Possessing a leadership role in research on earthquake-resistant construction technologies or in the dissemination or training of technicians in the same area, or who may have such responsibility in the future (university teachers are included as candidates) )
  - <Government officials > Officials of organizations responsible for the





Enjoy, Now

#### 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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- + Knowledge in the handling of MS Word, Excel and Power Point.
- + Health: The candidate must enjoy good health, both physical and mental, to participate in this program in Japan and El Salvador. Also, the followings are the recommended:
- + Age: between 28 and 50,
- + It is not recommended for pregnant person to apply for this course due to

potential risks to health and issues related to the life of the mother and the fetus

### On the recruitment of participants for IISEE's one-year courses from Oct. 2019 to Sep. 2020

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

The recruitment of 2018-2019 course participants has completed successfully.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

Then, JICA is planning to prepare for the One-Year Training Courses from October 2019 to September 2020.

I would like to ask for your cooperation again.

The next important thing is "Request Survey" by JICA in July and August of this year.

JICA will present a list of all training courses to the department in charge of official development assistance of your national government and ask them to choose the course that suits well your country's demand and requests.

After requests from all over the world are arranged, candidate countries for each course will be decided by JICA by around October. Based on this, "general information" (GI, application requirements) will be sent to the candidate country in December.

#### **Back Numbers**

http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/nldb/

Except for special cases, you can not apply from countries that do not receive GI.

Therefore, we strongly recommend that you provide information about your wish and necessity of dispatching colleagues, subordinates, or yourself to IISEE to the above-mentioned responsible department and obtain support from them.

Explain your wish and necessity of your organization well and push your government effectively.