

# **IISEE Newsletter**



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Greetings to all readers

By Dr. Toshiaki Tokoi, Director of IISEE

Dear all IISEE readers:

I hope that you, your family and your colleagues have a happy and prosperous new year. We can also see IISEE enforcing the training program in 2019.

At the beginning of the new year, 1,864 former participants from 101 countries were counted, and in the Global Seismological Observation Course that began on January 16, there are 12 more participants, including one from the 102nd country, that is Tuvalu.



Dr. Yokoi, Director of IISEE

In September of 2018, Hokkaido,

the northernmost island of Japan, was jolted strongly by a shallow earthquake and the damage spread out due to the landslide induced by strong ground motion.

Tragedy goes on in Iran, Papua New Guinea, Venezuela, Mexico, Taiwan, etc. Especially, Indonesia has suffered the strong ground motion twice. One on the island of Lombok in August and another accompanied with liquefaction at Palu of the Sulawesi Island in September. Moreover, the tsunami caused by a volcanic eruption in the Sunda strait attacked the inhabitants along the coast in December. We would like to express our deep sympathy and condolence for those who were affected.

These catastrophes made us re-confirm the need to maintain the high mission of IISEE through our training courses to mitigate earthquakedisasters and make people living in earthquake-prone countries safer, securer, and more peaceful. It seems that human beings of this century have obtained technologies and wisdom to coexist with these violent natural phenomena. Unfortunately, we have to say that they have not yet disseminated sufficiently throughout the world.

The dissemination of Earthquake Engineering and Earthquake Science, as well as the international training courses of IISEE, is now required to

maintain and improve them as properties common to all human beings through dozens of generations in a sustainable way for the next millennium.

We continue our activities to facilitate communication and exchange of information with the readers of IISEE News Letter, former participants and others working in the field of earthquake engineering and seismology. Please pay attention to the notices provided in the News Letter.

### **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

Finally, I would like to add a word of grateful acknowledgment to all of you for your kindness and attention to IISEE again.

# The 24<sup>th</sup> Global Seismological Observation Course has started

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

Global Seismological Observation Course has started from Jan 16.

This year, 12 participants from 9 countries (Egypt, India, Iran, Pakistan, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Tonga, and Tuvalu) join this course.

In the Opening ceremony held in BRI, after the welcome speech, Nazari Abbas from Iran gave an address on behalf of the participants.

The Training Course has the special aim to develop human resources having acquired the skills necessary for detecting nuclear tests applying seismological knowledge.

This training program is carried out by the support and

cooperation of CTBTO, MOFA, JICA, Japan Meteorological Agency, and other organizations. From 1995 until now, 242 participants from 74 countries have completed.

Training participants of this year are working actively to learn the knowledge about the international seismic observation and acquire advanced earthquake analysis technique.

This short course will finish on March 8. I hope all of the



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Dr. Midorikawa, President of BRI

participants enjoy training and staying in Japan. Please bring back a lot of great memories of Japan.





Mr. Iida, Director of Training Program Division, Tsukuba International Center, JICA



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#### **Opening Ceremony**



Group photo of Global Seismological Observation Course Participants.

## **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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