

# **IISEE Newsletter**



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## HANAMI -Cherry Blossom Viewing-

By Mr. Takahiro Yamada, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

April 3, IISEE had a Hanami Lunch party. Dr. Midorikawa, the President of BRI and Dr. Sawachi, the vice president joined us, and we enjoyed full-bloomed cherry blossoms and Japanese lunch box.

The cherry blossom forecast in Ibaraki prefecture said first bloom was on March 27<sup>th</sup>, expected peak bloom date was April 5<sup>th</sup>. The cherry blossom season is short. Around the buildings of IISEE have a lot of cherry blossom trees, and they are in full bloom at the beginning of every April. On that day the weather and also the cherry blossoms are at their best for Hanami.

Hanami is a traditional seasonal event for Japanese. People enjoy drinking and eating under cherry blossoms with family, friends, and coworkers.

The staff of IISEE enjoyed beautiful cherry blossoms with participants, newcomers; Dr. Ito and Ms. Okawa introduced themselves.

It was more chiller than last year, but the weather was perfect for Hanami.





## **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 needed.

Try to challenge!!





## Introduction of personal changes

By Dr. Takahiro Yamada, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

As of March 31, Mr. Yoshihiro Iitake transferred to Welfare Division, Minister's Secretariat and Mr. Takahiro Yamada from Real Estate Market Division, Land Economy and Construction Industries Bureau transferred to IISEE by turns.

As of April 1st, Mai Ito joined IISEE.

## Greetings from New IISEE staff

By Dr. Takahiro Yamada, Head of Administration Division, IISEE



I am Takahiro Yamada who was assigned to head of administration office, IISEE as of April 1st, 2019. It is my second time to work in BRI, I have worked in the accounting department from April 1999 to June 2002, and I have worked in a training organization called college of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism from April 2011 to July 2013. I hope I can use my experience in

IISEE. I am looking forward to working with you from now on.

#### By Dr. Mai Ito, Senior Research Engineer of IISEE

My name is Mai Ito. I am the new research engineer of IISEE. I used to



work at the department of architecture in Kobe University as an assistant professor for 6 years. My research interests include structural engineering, seismic isolation system and energy dissipation device. I am very honored with this opportunity to work here. I would like to do my best in my research field and also new work in IISEE.



Enjoy, Now

# On participants of the training course "Enhancement and Dissemination of Earthquake-resistant Technology for Buildings in Latin America"

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

Recently, IISEE and JICA have selected eleven participants from seven countries (Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, Chile) for the mentioned training course using Spanish as the teaching language. Among them nine engineers will attend the training course at IISEE-BRI, Tsukuba, Japan from May 16 to Jul. 12, 2019 and two

governmental officials to Jun. 7. The engineers' group will move to San Salvador, El Salvador and attend seminars and debates about the masonry

structure, structural experiments and visit to the site of the project "Taishin" from Jul. 15 to 26, 2019, planned and held by the professors of University of El Salvador and University of Centro America "Jose Simeon Canas". IISEE puts an emphasis on this course for those who have

current or near future managerial functions with the role of training engineers and or technicians, disseminating or investigating earthquake-resistant construction technologies or in similar fields in Latin America.

The remaining nine people will not be invited this year due to the limitations of the course capacity. However, re-application after the next year or later will be welcome.

Dear Readers. Please let us know if you are interested in the course or find someone around you who is interested.

Why don't we expand the safe world against earthquake disaster?

#### **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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#### **Back Numbers**

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# Revision of the Free software for the microtremor array exploration

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

The revised versions of the software for the microtremor array exploration were released on IISEE-NET HP.

#### SPAC2017:

http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/net/SPAC\_FREE\_PROGRAM/SPAC2017\_Ubuntu \_open4public/SPAC\_PROGRAM\_DOWNLOAD.html CCA2017:

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Please take a look to the above mentioned URL if you are interested.