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## We are Looking for the Activities of Ex-Participants for our Newsletter Articles

By Dr. Bunichiro Shibazaki, Director of IISEE

Please send us a 300-word article on how the training helped you and what kind of work you are currently doing and include some photos. We would like to publish examples of ex participants' activities in our newsletter. We look forward to receiving your articles.

## Interim Presentations held on July 3 and 7

By Dr. Bunichiro Shibazaki, Director of IISEE

On July 3 and 7, interim presentations were held for the E and ST courses. At the interim presentations, all participants will present their individual study results to date. The presentations also serve as a confirmation of the progress of the master's report research as well as a practice for the final presentation. The presentations were given by 5 participants in the E-course and 9 participants in the ST course jointly. Participants who are conducting individual studies at distant universities gave their presentations online. We hope that the participants will continue to work vigorously on their research and take good care of their health so that their efforts will not be in vain.



Ms. Nurul Nasuha Binti Md Zin from Malaysia, E-course



Mr. MALODALI Joji Sakaraia from Fiji, T-course

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# IISEE Receives JAPAN Construction International Award -International Human Resource Development Program to Expand Japanese Knowledge Worldwide Recognized-

By Dr. Bunichiro Shibazaki, Director of IISEE

The Building Research Institute (BRI) received the 6th JAPAN Construction International Award (Pioneering Activity Category) from the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism on June 20 in recognition of its Disaster Management Policy Program as an international human resource development program that spreads Japanese knowledge throughout the world. The award recognizes construction projects that demonstrate Japan's strengths, small and medium-sized construction-related companies that are leading the way overseas, and pioneering activities that contribute to "high quality infrastructure" overseas.

<https://www.mlit.go.jp/JCIA/en/>

The Disaster Management Policy Program is a master's program established by the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), the Building Research Institute (BRI), the Public Works Research Institute (PWRI), and JICA (2005-) for public officials, engineers, and researchers in developing countries. The program was recognized for its activities that contribute to "high quality infrastructure" overseas, such as research and development projects and human resource development projects, and for its strategic nature that goes beyond individual construction projects.



At the award ceremony held on June 20, the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism presented the certificate of commendation to Dr. Shibazaki, Director of IISEE, and a commemorative photo was taken.

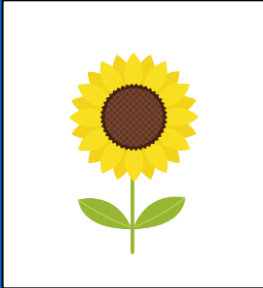
## Visit by a Delegation from the Kingdom of Thailand and Training Guidance by IISEE

By Mr. Yasuhiko Akiba, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

On Wednesday, June 7, we received a delegation of 15 members, including the Ministry of the Interior of the Kingdom of Thailand, mediated by the International Affairs Section of the Planning Department, BRI.

The visit began with a greeting from Dr. Fukuyama, a vice president of IISEE, followed by an explanation of the research outline of the Building Research Institute, a facility tour of the Fire Research and Test Laboratory and the Building Materials Laboratory, a training guidance, and exchange of views.

The training guidance was guided by Dr. Shibazaki, Director of the IISEE.



Training Guidance



Group Photo



Enjoy, Now

## Visit of Ex-Participants from Indonesia to the IISEE

By Dr. Tatsuhiko Hara, Chief Research Scientist, IISEE

The ex-participants, Mr. Iman Fatchurochman (2010-2011 Seismology course), Mr. Arif Nurokhim (2019-2020 Tsunami Disaster Mitigation course), and Ms. Kian Purna Sinki (2020-2021 Tsunami Disaster Mitigation course) from Indonesia visited the IISEE on the 8th in June. They visited Tsukuba as a part of the counterpart training of the JICA technical



The Photo of the Visit

(second from the right front) Mr. Iman Fatchurochman, (left front) Ms. Kian Purna Sinki, (second from the left front) Mr. Arif Nurokhim, (right front) Director Shibazaki

cooperation project "Capacity Development on Operation of Earthquake and Tsunami Analysis and Warning Dissemination." We always welcome visits of ex-participants to the IISEE. Please contact us when you have a chance to come to Tsukuba or its surrounding area.

## 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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## Introduction of Personal Changes

By Mr. Yasuhiko Akiba, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

On July 1, Mr. Takahiro Yamada was transferred to National Information Security Center. Yasuhiko Akiba from Peninsular Areas Development Division, National Spatial Planning and Regional Policy Bureau transferred to IISEE as the head of administration division by turns.

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## Greeting

By Mr. Yasuhiko Akiba, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

My name is Yasuhiko Akiba and I was assigned to head of administration office, IISEE as of July 1st, 2023.

Until June, I was involved in the work of promoting the Peninsular areas. Although I am a licensed assistant surveyor and am familiar with geography and land-related

matters, this work is a completely new field for me. I am learning every day in the work supporting participants from overseas. I will do my best, and I look forward to working with you.

