

[1] Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year

Only half month left till the New Year, and now is the time to reflect year 2007. Again this year many disastrous earthquakes occurred in many parts of the world including Peru and Indonesia. Let's do our best next year so that the damage will decrease. Please find the attached group photo that shows you all the IISEE staff members. Dr. Koyama, chief research engineer, returned to IISEE as Dr. Hasegawa's successor after a 7-year absence. A staff and secretaries joining IISEE in this year are as follows; Ms. Isogai, Ms. Takikawa, Ms. Suzuki, Ms. Nonaka and Ms. Katayama. We sincerely appreciate your continuing support for IISEE. We wish the New Year will be the happiest and best for you.

Nobuo HURUKAWA & all IISEE staff members



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[2] International Graduate Program at Hokkaido University

Hokkaido University presents "International Graduate Program in the Natural History Sciences" (I-NHS) in which foreign students can study earth and planetary sciences in Hokkaido, Japan. There are both Master and Ph.D. courses. The official language will be English. If you are interested in this program, please visit the following sites:

http://www.hokudai.ac.jp/en/admission/admissions.html http://www.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/grp/i-nhs/home/

If you wish to come to Japan for study, the following sites will be helpful: http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/kokuhi/tokubetu/07032702. httm

http://www.jpss.jp/eng/index.html

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[3] Gulf Seismic Forum in Yemen

The Fifth Gulf Seismic Forum will be held on April 6-9, 2008 in Sana'a Yemen. The abstract submission deadline (EXTENDED) is 30 December 2007, and ex-participants in Yemen invite you to the Forum. Since I plan to attend it to introduce IISEE's activities, I really hope to meet as many as ex-participants there. Please visit the following website on Forum:

http://www.ysoc.net/fcircular.htm

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[4] Invitation to "Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Disaster Mitigation" Training Course

We prepare a one-page brochure that introduces one of the IISEE Regular courses. Although we issue the IISEE brochure, this one-page brochure will be useful for several purposes. You may introduce achievement and importance of the training to your bosses and governments. Those who cannot open the attached document, please find it in our website.

brochure: http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/net/newsletter/newsletter23/brochure.pdf

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We send this IISEE Newsletter to ex-participants whose e-mail addresses are known. The IISEE send you new information actively and accept your contribution at any time. In order to enlarge our IISEE network, we'd like to ask you to invite your fellow ex-participants whose e-mail addresses are unknown to us to join us. We welcome your comments about the IISEE Newsletter. Please feel free to send us your comments and opinions.

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