

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

Only 10 days left till the New Year, and now is the time to reflect year 2009. Again this year many disastrous earthquakes occurred in many parts of the world. Especially, Indonesia has been frequently hit by great earthquakes including Java on 2nd and Southern Sumatra on 30th September. The severe damage by tsunami in the Samoa Islands region occurred on 29th Sep. is also still fresh in our minds. Let's do our best to reduce earthquake damages next year. Please find the attached group photo that shows you all the IISEE staff members. This year Dr. Sugano joined us as a visiting research staff. Research support staffs and secretaries joining IISEE in this year are as follows; Mr. Kurosawa, Ms. Someya, Ms. Ren, Ms. Iso, Ms. Sasaki, and Ms. Uedaira. 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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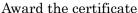
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[2] The 1st China Training Course has finished!

The first training course on Earthquake-resistant design/Diagnostics/Reinforcement in China started on 27th October was closed on 22nd December. The 20 participants from Sichuan and many other provinces have learned diligently and completed all programs on this course. Ms. ZHANG Yiping, a leader of participants have made remarks such as "The knowledge and experiences on seismic resistant construction and technologies for disaster mitigation in Japan acquired through this course will help our works in China. I was impressed with sincere and dedicated attitudes of teachers. I really appreciate having the opportunity to participate in this training. I hope that the technical cooperation between Japan and China will be much more consolidated in the future". After returning to China, they are expected to play active roles in disseminating the antiseismic technologies into all over China.







Group photo

Hajime KUROSAWA Head of Administration Division, IISEE

[3] CCOP's Tsunami Symposium was held in Manado, Indonesia

The International Symposium on Tsunami Risk Assessment and Mitigation in South & Southeast Asia was held from Dec. 1 to 2, 2009 in Manado, Indonesia, which was arranged by Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP), and funded by the Norwegian Government and in cooperation with cost sharing with Geological Agency of Indonesia (GAI). I (Y. Fujii) was invited to this symposium as a speaker and gave the presentation entitled "Observation and Modeling of the January 2009 Papua, Indonesia Tsunami". Through this symposium, I spent a quality time discussing about the tsunami preparedness and modeling with the participants including four ex-participants of the S-course at IISEE.





Group photo

Meeting room

Yushiro FUJII Research Scientist, IISEE

[4] International Friendship Party was held

The International Friendship Party was held at the exhibition hall of BRI on December 21, 2009. All 43 participants including the regular and China courses, Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, some lecturers of BRI, and IISEE and JICA staff members joined this party and deepened friendship. Each course and some volunteer groups

showed their entertainments in this party. In fact, many kinds of songs and dances from many countries were performed. Each and every performance was so wonderful that the party was warmed up very much. That is to say, the participants showed their high capabilities not only of studies but also of entertainments. We really had a great time on this day.





A scene of the party

Performance by participants

Hajime KUROSAWA Head of Administration Division, IISEE

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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