[1] IISEE Seminar

IISEE Seminars will be held as follows:

February 27, 15:40-16:40: Mr. Hussam Eldein Zaineh (Tokyo Institute of Technology)
Topic: Study for Seismic Microzoning in Damascus City, Syria, from Strong Motion Simulation
Considering Local Site Amplification

March 5, 9:10-10:10: Prof. Masumi Yamada (Kyoto Univ.)

Topic: The Slapdown Phase in High Acceleration Records of Large Earthquakes

March 7, 9:10-10:10: Dr. Masanobu Shishikura

(The National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology)

Topic: Geology of Tsunami -How to forecast the future from past evidence-

March 13, 15:30-16:30: Dr. Chimed Odonbaatar

(Research Center Astronomy and Geophysics Mongolian Academy of Sciences)

Topic: Characterization of site effect in Ulanbaatar Basin

March 22, 9:10-10:10: Prof. Shunichi Koshimura (Tohoku Univ.)

April 1, 9:10-10:10: Prof. Mitsumasa Midorikawa (Hokkaido Univ.)

Topic: Seismic and Tsunami Damage on Building Structures Caused by the 2011 Tohoku Japan Earthquake

April 5, 15:30-16:30: Prof. Fumihiko Imamura (Tohoku Univ.)

Venue: IISEE Hall

The seminars will be given in English. Participants of International training in seismology and earthquake engineering will also listen to the seminars. If you would like to attend, please e-mail at a-satou@kenken.go.jp

Bunichiro SHIBAZAKI Chief Research Seismologist

[2] Introduction of IISEE staff members (Dr. Shibazaki/ Mr. Inukai)

===Dr. Shibazaki===

I am a Chief Research Seismologist and am currently the course leader of a training program on tsunami disaster mitigation. Until now, 29 participants from six countries completed this program. This program includes lectures, practical studies, and field trips on basic and advanced earthquake and tsunami technology and new tsunami countermeasures based on the lessons from the 2011 great Tohoku-oki earthquake. We welcome participants from countries that have faced disaster from tsunamis. I also hope that all the ex-participants play an active part in earthquake and tsunami disaster mitigation.

I am also in charge of the IISEE-UNESCO Lecture Notes project for training. Currently, 60 lecture notes are available on our website. Some of the lecture notes have been made by new lecturers, for example, the lecture notes for a lecture titled "Numerical Simulation of Tsunami Inundation and Its Application." Please refer to our lecture notes through our website. If you have comments or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Bunichiro SHIBAZAKI

Chief Research Seismologist

===Mr. Inukai===

For 1 year, since Apr. 2000 to March 2001, I belonged to IISEE and now, since Apr. 2012, I'm working at IISEE. The recent annual training courses are revised, compared with the ones in 2000, and have been certified as Master's degree courses. But in the latter half of the training courses, the individual studies are still almost same. Last year, one participant chose the seismic engineering of a bridge whose advisor was me, and we asked his supervisor to the researcher in Public Works Institute, Japan. At the Annual Training Course in Earthquake Engineering, almost participants choose the individual studies for building structures and it is possible to choose the civil engineering like the above example.

In IISEE, we hope many of the participants or the ex-participants to have their interests on the disaster mitigation, including seismology, and we can help or support them.

Mizuo INUKAI (Master of Engineering)

Chief Research Engineer, IISEE

[3] Issue of YEAR BOOK 2012

IISEE published the YEAR BOOK including all ex-participants' name list for these 50 years. Distinguished guests and four ex-participants contributed to this memorial special number. IISEE started to send the publication to every ex-participant by ship if we have the address. Please let inform to below if you'll not receive;

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[4] New Publication by the Director of IISEE

Director of IISEE contributed to a Japanese book on "Forefront of Recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake" that will be issued soon by the President of Science Council of Japan Dr. Onishi. http://www.gakugei-pub.jp/mokuroku/book/5436/contents.htm (only in Japanese)

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

Please feel free to send your comments and opinions. IISEE welcomes your participation.

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