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[1] New International Training Courses will start next year

The IISEE has proposed following two new JICA training courses

1) "Earthquake Disaster Mitigation" (Doctor Degree Program)

Date (first course): March 2010 - March 2013 (3 yr)

Number of Participants: 3

Target Regions: Asia, Middle-East and Central- and South America

Following three Sub-Courses are available in cooperation with universities.

Seismology: Univ. of Tsukuba, Doctor of Science or Earth Science

Earthquake Engineering: Univ. of Tsukuba, Doctor of Engineering

Disaster Mitigation: GRIPS, Doctor of Disaster Management

2) "Technology and Policy for Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Management"

Date (first course): Autumn 2009 (2 weeks)

Number of Participants: 12

Target Regions: Asia, Pacific and Middle-East

Target Participants in both courses are mainly ex-participants of IISEE trainings. The Need Survey by JICA has just started as shown in the next article.

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[2] Needs Survey for JICA training courses has started!

Recently, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and JICA have started the Needs Survey for JICA training courses. For the IISEE to accept participants from your country to the 2009-2010 IISEE training courses, which will start on the end of September 2009, it is necessary that your country should select the JICA "Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Disaster Management Policy" and/or "Tsunami Disaster Mitigation" Courses with high priority. We expect that your institution will request your Government to choose these courses

with high priority among JICA training courses in the menu that JICA provide for your country. Therefore, we would like to ask you to encourage your institution to make actions in this direction. Since the deadline of the Needs Survey is the end of August, your immediate action is highly appreciated. We are looking forward to accepting participants from your institution in the near future.

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Director, IISEE

[3] International Platform for Reducing Earthquake Disaster

The IISEE has established the International Platform for Reducing Earthquake Disaster (IPRED) in cooperation with UNESCO and representatives of major earthquake-prone countries (Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Peru, Romania, and Turkey). The IISEE would act as the Centre of Excellence (COE) of this project, and assist the activities and maintenance of the network/platform. Dr. Koyama and I attended the first session of the IPRED held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 8-10 July. For further information, please visit following websites and contact me:

http://portal.unesco.org/science/en/ev.php-URL_ID=6584&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=43064&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

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Mr Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO, and the first session of the IPRED held at UNESCO Headquarters

[4] Abstract submission & call for exhibitors of "IS-Tokyo2009"

We are pleased to announce that "IS-Tokyo2009" will be held in Tsukuba on June 15 - 17 2009. The "IS-Tokyo2009" conference is the International Conference on Performance-Based Design in Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering subtitled with - from case history to practice -, which is organized by the Technical Committee 4 of International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering and Japanese Geotechnical Society, and will be held at Tsukuba International Congress Center, Tsukuba, Japan on June 15 - 17, 2009. We are sure that this conference will serve as a good opportunity for participants to exchange information and knowledge as well as for exhibitors to disseminate the information and knowledge among conference participants. For more details, you are requested to visit the following website,

<http://www.comp.tmu.ac.jp/IS-Tokyo/>

We look forward to seeing you all in Tsukuba.

P.S. The deadline for abstract submission is soon to come by the end of this July. The call for exhibitors is now underway.

Professor Takaji Kokusho
Chairman of IS-Tokyo2009

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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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