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

Only two weeks left till the New Year, and now is the time to reflect year 2008. Again this year many disastrous earthquakes occurred in many parts of the world including the Sichuan Earthquake in China. 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. Dr. Mukai, research engineer, joined us after Dr. Tamura passed away. Research support staff and secretaries joining IISEE in this year are as follows; Mr. Mizutani, Ms.Nishizawa and Ms. Satou. 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



*Season's Greetings and Best Wishes  
for  
The New Year*

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[2] 7-th General Assembly of Asian Seismological Commission & 2008 Fall Meeting of Seismological Society of Japan (ASC2008)

7-th General Assembly of Asian Seismological Commission (ASC) was held from Nov. 24 to 28, 2008, at Tsukuba International Congress Center together with 2008 Fall Meeting of Seismological Society of Japan (SSJ) by the collaboration of ASC and SSJ. About 820 researchers from about 40 countries and a region have participated in these conferences and about 720 presentations were performed. About 40 ex-participants of IISEE's training courses were found among them. IISEE has contributed ASC2008 holding a pre-symposium training course from Nov. 23 to Nov. 24, 2008 and performing an exhibition of booth. IISEE alumni meeting was held also during the conference period.

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[3] Pre-Symposium Training Course of ASC2008 held in IISEE

A short training course on "Microtremor Array Exploration Technique" was held in Nov.23-24, 2008, preceding to 7-th General Assembly of Asian Seismological Commission (Nov. 25-27, 2008) by the cooperation of Seismological Society of Japan (SSJ) and International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering (IISEE), Building Research Institute, Japan. Especially, SSJ provide them a full financial support for travel, stay and registration fees. Thirteen participants from Armenia, Bhutan, Egypt, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Myanmar, Nepal, Palestine, Uzbekistan and Yemen have learned about Spatial Autocorrelation Method that is becoming popular today in the society of Earthquake Engineering for microzonation and site-specific studies. Eight of them are ex-participants of IISEE's training courses. Besides of the presentation materials for lectures, IISEE provided them a free UNIX emulator on Windows (Cygwin), Fortran programs for the SPAC analyses and the sample data sets. IISEE will hold similar short training courses not only in Tsukuba but also on Internet meeting services.

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#### [4] IISEE Alumni Meeting was held in Tsukuba

The IISEE Alumni Meeting was held in the evening of the 26th of the last month during the 7th General Assembly of Asian Seismological Commission (ASC) and Seismological Society of Japan, 2008 Fall meeting in Tsukuba, Japan. 21 ex-participants, 8 IISEE training lecturers, and 7 IISEE staff members participated in this alumni meeting. First, Dr. Harsh Gupta gave a speech. Then, in the middle of the meeting, each attendee introduced him (or her) self, respectively. All of the attendees enjoyed this meeting. The next ASC General Assembly is going to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2010.

Let us see each other in Hanoi in 2010.

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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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