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23 Participants Completed the 55th One-Year Training Course

By Mr. Takashi Yamashita, Head of IISEE Administration Division

The IISEE Closing Ceremony for the 2014-2015 Training Courses on Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation was held at the BRI Hall from 10:30 to 11:30 on Wednesday, September 16.



Dr. Sakamoto, BRI Chief Executive

The training course began at the University of Tokyo in 1960. The Building Research Institute took over the program from 1962 after the negotiation by ministries concerned.

Almost 45 people including 23 training participants came together and celebrated the ceremony. As it was the joint ceremony between JICA and BRI/IISEE, Mr. Katsuhiko HAGA, Director General of JICA Tsukuba International Center and Dr. Yuzo SAKAMOTO, BRI

Chief Executive made their congratulatory remarks first. After them, Dr. Shoichi ANDO, Professor of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) extended his congratulations to the participants. (The GRIPS is the joint partner of the master degree program.)

Following the speeches, participants received the graduation certificates and diplomas.

Then three of the participants were bestowed the Best Research Awards by GRIPS and IISEE in celebration of their high research capability and scientific level in their master theses.

They are Mr. Baasambat TSAGAAN from Mongolia, Mr. Md. Jahidul Islam KHAN from Bangladesh and Ms. Teresa Jacqueline VERA SAN MARTIN from Ecuador.



Awarding of Certificates

Earthquakes

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

Reports of Recent Earthquakes

Utsu Catalog

Earthquake Catalog

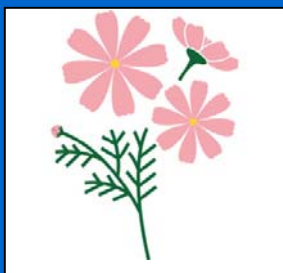
Call for Papers

IISEE Bulletin is now accepting submissions of papers for the seismology, earthquake engineering, and tsunami. Developing countries are targeted, but are not limited.

Your original papers will be reviewed by the editorial members and some experts.

NO submission fee is need.

Try to challenge!!



Closing Ceremony

Four participants won the IISEE Director's Award which was established last year;

Ms. Baigalimaa GANBAT from Mongolia, Mr. Md. Shafiuul ISLAM from Bangladesh, Ms. Nadia Eda MACAVILCA ROJAS from Peru and Ms. Kathrine Anne Malabuyoc CAILING from Philippines. This award is conferred to the participants in recognition of their accomplished the outstanding achievement of the IISEE training program.

As a closure of the ceremony, Mr. Urip Setiyono from Indonesia represented the entire participants and made a speech in response. (Please see P4)

Courtesy Call on the MLIT Minister

By Mr. Takashi Yamashita, Head of IISEE Administration Office



Minister Ota and the IISEE Participants

On September 4, 2014-2015 training participants paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Akihiro Ohta, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. They met in the Minister's room of the ministry headquarters.

Minister Ohta specialized in civil engineering in Kyoto University. He learned

in earthquake engineering. With the ministry executives, he welcomed the participants and gave a speech with his research theme in his university days and Japan's efforts on the countermeasures against earthquake disasters indicating the locations using the map of Japan. He encouraged the participants to make efforts in the field of disaster mitigation in their respective countries, and he mentioned his expectations that Japan and their countries continue and enhance the collaboration.



Enjoy, Now

Contact Us

The IISEE Newsletter is intended to act as a go-between for IISEE and ex-participants.

We encourage you to contribute a report and an article to this newsletter. Please let us know your current activities in your countries.

We also welcome your co-workers and friends to register our mailing list.

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Ms. Baigalimaa GANBAT from Mongolia expressed her gratitude to the Minister and made a speech on behalf of the participants. Mr. Harish Chandra LAMICHHANE from Nepal, Mr. Urip Setiyono from Indonesia and Mr. Md. Shafiul ISLAM from Bangladesh introduced their studies.

By courtesy of the Minister Ohta, participants spent almost half an hour in his office and lastly he shook hands with the participants one by one.



Representative of the Participants

GRIPS Graduation Ceremony

By Mr. Takashi Yamashita, Head of IISEE Administration Division

With the collaboration of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), IISEE participants are awarded the degrees of Master of Disaster Management when they successfully complete one-year training course.



Conferment of Diploma on Master Degree

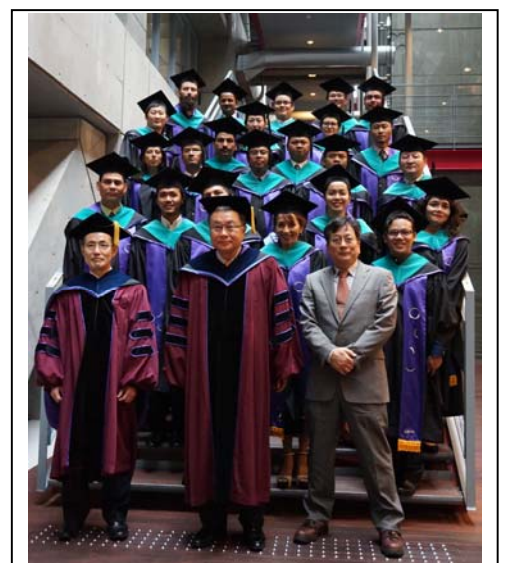


Conferment of Dean's Award (Mr. Urip: second from the left)

Fortunately, all the 2014-2015 training course participants passed the GRIPS' evaluation criteria and assessment. On September 17, the Graduation Ceremony was held in GRIPS Sokairou Hall. 176 doctoral and master program graduates received their diplomas.

The number of the graduates of the Disaster Management Policy Program was 38 including the IISEE participants. Mr. Baasambat TSAGAAN from Mongolia was awarded his diploma at first and his colleagues followed. Also, Mr. Urip Setiyono was awarded with the Dean's Award, which is conferred to a high-achieving participant of each GRIP's program.

After the ceremony, graduates and people concerned came together the reception. Every participant looked to be happy to have their diplomas on master degree. It was surely the happy day and the last day for the IISEE participants. Lastly, IISEE extend our great appreciation to the people who support us. Thank you very much.



at GRIPS Graduation Ceremony



Address in Reply on Behalf of All the Participants

By Mr. Urip Setiyono from Indonesia

Dr. SAKAMOTO, President of Building Research Institute, Dr. YOKOI, Director of IISEE, Dr. ANDO, Professor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies and former Director of IISEE, Mr. HAGA, Director General, JICA Tsukuba International Center, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

I am honored to have this opportunity to speak in this ceremony on behalf of the participants and my friends of the training courses Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation. We are proud to get a chance to be a part of Japanese society although only a year. Here we get a very valuable experience, not only in terms of science and technology but also the culture and character of the Japanese people that are very typical. Character is the most important part in the development of human resources in all fields. There is a proverb:

“Watch your thoughts, they become words; watch your words, they become actions;
watch your actions, they become habits; watch your habits, they become character;
watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.” (Frank Outlaw)



Mr. Urip Setiyono at Closing Ceremony

Important characters possessed by the majority of Japanese societies are honesty, integrity, happiness and pride of their work. Feeling happy on the job will generate a lot of positive traits: hard work, risk-taking, totality to finish everything, vigor, responsibility, high curiosity, diligence, tenaciousness, spirits of never giving up, discipline, patience, etc.

Development and innovation of technologies can be accomplished by human beings who have the characters as I mentioned earlier. Those will be reflected on the completeness of their works. Completeness leads to good quality, and the good quality is the only guarantee to survive and thrive. Premium products come from high quality work. So it is not

surprising that products produced by the Japanese are always the primary choice in most countries in the world.

Another thing that we can take a lesson from Japan is 'a natural disaster is not a barrier to innovate'. The Great East Japan Earthquake, the Niigata Chuetsu Earthquake, and the Kobe Earthquake are the example of major natural disasters that ever hit Japan. The catastrophic disasters would be a starting point for the birth of new innovations. Research is like veins of Japan in innovating. Research has become a culture for the Japanese people. So it is not surprising that young people, especially from developing countries compete to race in order to study in Japan.

Hopefully what we've got here in Japan can enrich our characters hence we could become 'agents of change' in our respective institutions, and will make our country better in the future.

Success in the true sense is the success of someone who is happy and proud of his work, where he was able to create good quality products from his work. Innovation cannot be achieved without the perseverance, discipline, high spirit, and hard work, all of which can only happen if people were happy at their work. Such as the following proverb: 'Good work is never done in cold blood. Heat is needed to forge anything. Every great achievement is the story of flaming heart' (President Harry Truman).

I wish all safe journeys. Please keep in touch to help each other in the future for the betterment of our lives.

Finally, I would like to thank people in the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Building Research Institute, the International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies and every single person that contributed to this training course.

Thank you all.