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20 Participants Completed the 54th One-Year Training Course

By Ms. Yoriko Iiba, Head of IISEE Administration Division

The IISEE Closing Ceremony for the 2013-2014 Training Courses on Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation was held at the BRI Hall from 11:00 to 11:45 on Thursday, September 11.

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



Dr. Sakamoto, BRI Chief Executive

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 Ms. Raquel Noemi Vasquez Stanescu from Venezuela, Ms. Pamela Urrutia Barrios from El Salvador and Mr. Jorge Manuel Morales Tovar from Peru.

This year IISEE established the new award named the IISEE Director's Award in recognition of participants who accomplished the outstanding achievement of



Closing Ceremony

20 training participants came together and celebrated the ceremony. As it was the joint ceremony between JICA and BRI/IISEE, Mr. Senichi KIMURA, 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.



Awarding of Certificates

Earthquakes

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

Reports of Recent Earthquakes

Utsu Catalog

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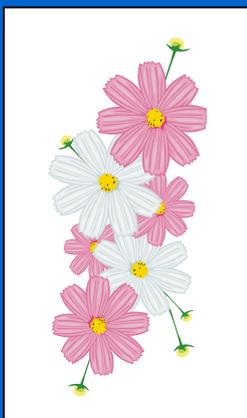
Call for Papers

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!!



the IISEE training program. Three participants won the awards. They are Ms. Yanuarsih Tunggal Putri from Indonesia, Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman from Pakistan and Mr. Md. Shamsul Islam from Bangladesh.

Finally, Mr. Md. Shamsul Islam from Bangladesh represented the entire participants and made a speech in response. (Please see P4)

We wish the participants good health and continued success in their work.

Courtesy Call on the MLIT Minister

By Ms. Yoriko Iiba, Head of IISEE Administration Division



Minister Ota and the IISEE Participants

On September 8, 2013-2014 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. He encouraged the participants to make efforts in the field of disaster mitigation in their respective countries.

Ms. Yanuarsih Tunggal Putri from Indonesia expressed her gratitude to the Minister and made a speech on behalf of the participants. Mr. Faouzi Gherboudj from Algeria, Mr. Ergun Binbir from Turkey and Mr. Jorge Manuel Morales from Peru 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 Ms. Yoriko Iiba, 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.

The 2013-2014 training course participants passed the GRIPS' evaluation criteria and assessment. On September 12, the Graduation Ceremony was held in GRIPS Sokairou Hall. 182 doctoral and master



Conferment of Diploma on Master Degree

program graduates received their diplomas. The number of the graduates of the Disaster Management Policy Program was 32 including the IISEE



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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GRIPS Graduation Ceremony

support us. Thank you very much.

participants. Mr. Faouzi Gherboudj from Algeria was awarded his diploma at first and his colleagues were followed.

After the ceremony, graduates and people concerned came together to 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

2nd European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology - Istanbul, Turkey -

By Mr. Mizuo Inukai, Dr. Toshihide Kashima and Dr. Masanori Tani of IISEE

Mr. Inukai, Dr. Kashima and Dr. Tani attended to the 2nd European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology which was held on August 24th to 29th in Istanbul, Turkey. 2089 abstracts from 76 countries were submitted to the conference. Mr. Inukai and Dr. Kashima presented one and two papers in the poster sessions, respectively, and Dr. Tani made a presentation in the oral session. We met with eighteen ex-participants (Albania, Algeria (5), Costa Rica, Iran, Macedonia (3), Romania, and Turkey (5)) during the conference and knew how they are getting along.



Panorama of Istanbul

Japan-Mongolia Seminar on Technologies for Earthquake-resistance and High-rise Buildings

By Dr. Toshihide Kashima, IISEE Senior Research Engineer

Dr. Tajiri of Structural Engineering Department and I participated the "Japan-Mongolia Seminar on Technologies for Earthquake-resistance and High-rise buildings" held on September 4th and 5th in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. In the seminar, design and construction system of buildings, building standard, design



Conference Hall

and construction technologies of high-rise buildings, seismic isolation and seismic control buildings, seismic design of non-structural elements, fire protection of high-rise buildings and safety measure of elevators were introduced by Japanese experts. From the Mongolian side, Prof. Ganzorig spoke about the trend of buildings and the situation of earthquake-resistant design in Mongolia. He is one of the ex-participants of IISEE and one of

my good friends. Taking this opportunity, I am hoping that the cooperation between Mongolia and Japan will be enhanced and that the seismic safety of the buildings in Mongolia will be improved.



Address in Reply on Behalf of All the Participants

By Mr. Md. Shamsul Islam from Bangladesh

Dr. SAKAMOTO, Chief Executive 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. Kimura, 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.

I would like to start with the proverb "All is well that ends well", and I believe we are having a good ending of the one year intensive training course.

To me, the knowledge and experience we have gained through this training course has two sides: one side is academic and the other is about the people of Japan and their culture.

It is obvious that we have learned a lot and get acquainted with the state of the art Japanese knowledge and technology in our respective study fields. But I do believe that we are equally or probably more impressed with the people of Japan for their patience, determination, perfection in every bit of work, friendliness, cooperation, smile and gentle bow.



Mr. Md. Shamsul Islam

Now we know why Japanese products are known to be second to none in the world when it comes to performance and efficiency. Anyone, even on a remote village in Africa or in the mountains of Afghanistan, when comes to know that the product is made in Japan, would jump for it without hesitation. As long as it has the label Made in Japan, it is enough for him. He buys it with full trust as he knows that he will never be disappointed.

The high quality products of Japan tell us about the people making them. If their products are in such a high standing caliber, the people designing them would be outstanding and superior humans who are of noble qualities and character. And now we

knew it very well.

And to the participants and my friends I want to say, we have been shown the way and we must get moving, if you cannot run; walk; if you cannot walk, crawl; but there has to be movement. Please cherish the learning and experience we have from our field visits to the affected areas by The Great East Japan Earthquake, Niigata Chuetsu Earthquake and Kobe Earthquake. Where we saw Japanese people always raised from dark to light, helping each other, and learning from the past, and they developed themselves with the Motto "keep going and never give up".

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.