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IISEE, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) and UNESCO will hold a memorial international symposium on June 27 (Wed.) at GRIPS in Roppongi, Tokyo, making use of the opportunity of UNESCO's International Platform for Reducing Earthquake Disasters (IPRED) meeting in Japan.

The detailed information will be provided soon after the program is fixed since this symposium is also a memorial event of IISEE that was established and launched by UNESCO 50 years ago.

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[2] Special page of the April 11, 2012 Mw 8.6 off west coast of northern Sumatra earthquake

A very large (Mw 8.6) earthquake occurred on the April 11, 2012 off west coast of northern Sumatra. We present the special page for this earthquake, where the following information together with the links to the relevant sites is available:

- 1) Determination of earthquake magnitudes using duration of high-frequency energy radiation and maximum displacement amplitudes,
- 2) Tsunami Simulation,
- 3) Aftershock Distribution and the Mainshock's Fault Plane by the MJHD Method.

Please visit <http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/special2/20120411sumatra.htm>

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[3] Paper of Prof. Midorikawa (former Director of IISEE) is awarded by AIJ

Professor of Hokkaido University, Dr. Midorikawa who contributed to IISEE for a long period and played a role as Director of IISEE during 1999 -2001, received an honorable paper award of the Architectural Institute of Japan (AIJ). We celebrate from the bottom of our heart.

The awarded paper's title is "Series of Research on the Development and Verification of Seismic Response Reduction Mechanism and System for improvement of Steel Structure's Safety and Functionality".

The details will be announced in the near future at
<http://www.aij.or.jp/eng/prizes/prize/prize11.html>

Shoichi ANDO
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[4] Introduction of Personnel Changes

Chief Executive and Vice Chief Executive of the Building Research Institute (BRI) changed. Dr. Yuzo Sakamoto joined BRI as the new Chief Executive after Dr. Shuzo Murakami, ex-Chief Executive, and Dr. Isao Nishiyama is appointed as the new Vice Chief Executive after Dr. Hiroshi Ito.

In IISEE, Senior Research Engineers, Mr. Ishihara and Mr. Mukai moved to other Department of BRI and Mr. Inukai newly joined IISEE as a Chief Research Engineer.

We welcome his participation in the IISEE.

Hajime KUROSAWA
Head of Administration Division, IISEE

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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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