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The 10th Meeting of Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS)

By Dr. Bunichiro Shibazaki, IISEE Chief Research Scientist



Brisbane, Australia

I attended the 10th meeting of Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS) which was held from June 24 to 28 in Brisbane, Australia. I gave a presentation entitled "3D Quasi-dynamic Modeling of the Cycle of Megathrust Earthquakes along the Southern Kuril Trench Subduction Zone, Considering High Speed Friction" in the session "Modeling Fast and Slow Earthquakes in Subduction Zones."

There are many presentations by seismologists from Asia and Oceania. The annual meeting of 2014 will be held in Sapporo from July 28 to August 1, 2014. We hope that you will come to Japan to attend the meeting. Furthermore, if you have a chance, please call on IISEE. We all welcome you.

Visit to Kathmandu, Nepal -Enjoyed the Reunion-

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

I have been to Kathmandu, Nepal from July 7th to 11th for business meetings with various institutions, such as the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction, Ministry of Urban Development (DUDBC) and the National Seismological Center, Department of Mines and Geology, Ministry of Industry (NSC-DMG).

At the NSC-DMG, I met Mr. Mukunda Bhattarai (2004-2005 Seismology Course), Mr. Lok Bijaya Adhikari (2002-2003 Seismology Course), Mr. Shrestha Prithvi Lal(2009-2010 Seismology Course) and Mr. Umesh Prasad Gautam (2010 Global Course).

The DUDBC Director General is Dr. Mahendra Subba. He was also ex-participant of the 1990-1991 Earthquake Engineering Course. What a happy coincidence! Mr. Binary Charan Shrestha (1995-1996 Earthquake Engineering Course) was there, too.

I am so glad to learn the amazing activities of ex-participants of IISEE training courses in their respective fields. I sincere hope to keep contact with them. They are assets to IISEE.

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!!



Papers by Ex-participants-China, India and Nepal-

By Yoriko Iiba, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

IISEE welcomes the news by ex-participants on their delivering papers. Up to now, we have received three letters as follows:

- (1) Mr. Yefei REN (2011-2012 E-Course) from China,
- (2) Mr. Himangshu Sekhar MANDAL (2005-2006 S-Course) from India
- (3) Mr. Mukunda BHATTARAI (2004-2005 S-Course, 2008 Seminar Course) from Nepal

Thank you very much for your contribution, Mr. REN, Mr. MANDAL and Mr. BHATTARAI.

It is our great pleasure to learn that your papers appear on the academic journals. When you let us know the news, please tell us your name, country, the course and its year, the name of the journal, the number of issue, the publishing date, and the title of the papers. Looking forward to your letters.

Name	Country	Year and Course	Name of Journal	Title
Mr. Yefei REN	China	2011-2012 E-Course	Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Vibration (2013, Vol.12, 165-184)	"Site effects by generalized inversion technique using strong motion recordings of the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake" by Ren Yefei, Wen Ruizhi, Hiroaki Yamanaka and Toshihide Kashima
Mr. Himangshu Sekhar MANDAL	India	2005-2006 S-Course	Journal of Asian Earth Sciences (2013, Vol.73, 440-451)	"Shear wave attenuation characteristics over the Central India Tectonic Zone and its surroundings" by H.S. Mandal, P.K. Khan, and A.K. Shukla
Mr. Mukunda BHATTARAI	Nepal	2004-2005 S-Course, 2008 Seminar Course	Journal of Nepal Geological Society (2011, Vol. 43, 137-144)	"Capturing first records at the Nepal NSC accelerometric network" by M. Bhattarai, U. Gautam, R. Pandey, L. Bollinger, B. Hernandez and V. Boutin.



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IISEE Alumni Website was closed at the end of June. It was worked as a go-between for participants and the people concerned.

This website was launched in 2009 and many ex-participants and staff members, etc. registered. However number of users decreased in recent years because other communication tools have become widely used. IISEE confirms the link with the people concerned by various ways. We sincerely thank the users for registration, access and any other support to the website.

Individual Studies -How are you coming with your graduation theses in the Middle?-



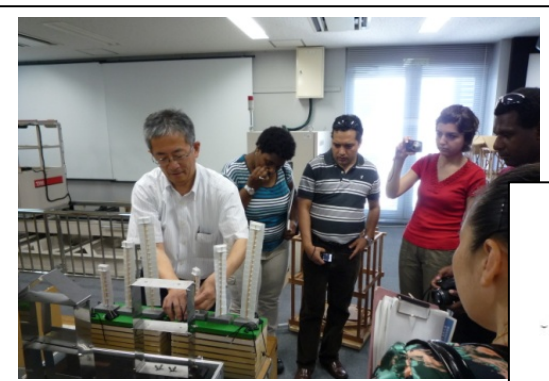
Enjoy, Now

The Participants of 2012-2013 started their individual studies on the first of June. Almost 2 months have passed. They are writing the master's theses for 3 months from June to August. Accumulating data, going to the field trips and discussing with their supervisors, they are tackling the challenges by their own ways. Although some of them are studying in Toyohashi-city and Yamaguchi-city far from here, most of them are staying in IISEE. The place to study is not designated, participants have their favorite places. The wonder is the sight of seismology course classroom. They are using the personal computers in silence and without lights in darkness. Power saving? NO. We don't know the reason. The comfortable feeling depends on the person.

The Interim meeting was held on the 18th and the 19th of July.



The earthquake engineering course participants from Armenia, the Republic of Dominica, Myanmar, Nepal and Papua New Guinea visited to Nagoya on the 10th of July. Thanks to Chubu Regional Bureau, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the participants were guided the base-isolation system installed in the first basement of the Second Building of Nagoya Complex. Their study tour was reported by some local newspapers.



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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★ ISEE answer your Questions

Q. I am interested in your training courses. How can I get the detailed information on the training course and the procedure to apply?

A. ISEE training courses are conducted under the JICA(Japan International Cooperation Agency) training program. If you wish to apply for one of the courses, you are required to meet the following conditions:

1. your country should become one of the JICA-designated countries
2. you should be nominated by your government.

For further particulars apply to the JICA office or Japanese Embassy in your country.

<http://www.jica.go.jp/english/contact/overseas/>

Q. I want to apply for the training course. Where can I get the application form?

A. The ISEE training courses are conducted on the basis of government to government. You can get the application form from your government or JICA office in your country through your organization. First, you should be nominated by your organization. Then you will submit your application form to JICA in your country through your government.

JICA Overseas Offices: <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/contact/overseas/>

Q. Could you please inform me requirements and criteria that potential participant of the training course should satisfy?

A. The ISEE training courses are conducted as a part of JICA training program. If you wish to apply for the course, at first your country should become one of the JICA-designated countries. The requirements that the applicants should satisfy are as follows.

Applicants should:

- (1) be nominated by their government
- (2) be university graduates in seismology, earthquake engineering, earthquake disaster mitigation or tsunami disaster mitigation, or be university graduates in science and technology other than the above mentioned subjects with professional experience of three or more years in the field of seismology, earthquake engineering, earthquake disaster mitigation or tsunami disaster mitigation
- (3) be well versed in advanced mathematics such as differentiation and integration, partial derivatives, differential equations, matrix, vector algebra, Fourier analysis, etc.
- (4) be able to write research reports on the individual study in English
- (5) have a good command of English --- minimum TOEFL score; 79 (Internet Based Test), 213 (Computer Based Test) or 550 (Paper Based Test), or equivalent
- (6) be over 22 and under 40 years of age
- (7) be in good health to undergo the course of training (Please be fully understand that the training over a long period like this course may pose risks to pregnancy)
- (8) not be military personnel

For further particulars apply to the JICA office or Japanese Embassy in your country.

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***Please feel free to ask ISEE if you have any further questions.**