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Greetings to All Readers

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE

Dear IISEE Newsletter Readers,

I wish you, your families and colleagues a Happy New Year. May it be a prosperous year, and may we see IISEE enforcing the training program forward in 2016, although I am afraid that you read this letter almost February 2016.

In 2015, a severe earthquake disaster has taken place in Nepal due

to an earthquake of magnitude 7.8. Afghanistan and Malaysia have suffered by their own ones. North coast of Chile has been affected by Tsunami due to an earthquake of magnitude 8.3. Earthquakes of magnitude over 7 have occurred in Papua New Guinea, Tajikistan, Vanuatu, Solomon Island, and Indonesia. We would like to express our deep sympathy with the people in the affected area. These catastrophes made us reconfirm the necessity to keep IISEE's high mission through our training courses for mitigating earthquake disasters and for making people living in the earthquake-prone countries more safely and peacefully.

Special things for IISEE in 2015 are the followings. The twentieth round of the Global Seismological Observation course was held from January to March. All staffs of IISEE together with all of one-year course participants attended the third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction that was held in Sendai, Japan. A participant from the hundredth country for IISEE came to join the Latin American Earthquake Engineering Course held from May to July. As of the beginning of 2016, we have 1,703 colleagues in 100 countries. We keep on our activities to facilitate the communication and information exchange with the readers of the News Letter, the ex-participants and the people working in the field of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering. Please pay attention to the notices provided in the News Letter.

Finally, I would like to add a word of grateful acknowledgment to you all for your kindness and attention to IISEE again.



Dr. Yokoi, Director of IISEE with S and T course participants

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!!



Eleven Persons from Eight Countries Join the Global Seismological Observation Training Course for Two Months

By Mr. Takashi Yamashita, Head of IISEE Administration Division

The Opening Ceremony of the Global Seismological Observation Training Course was held at the JICA Tsukuba from 11:30 to 12:00 on Tuesday, January 19 2016. The training participants from China, Egypt (2), Iran (2), Nepal, Pakistan (2), Solomon Islands, and Sri Lanka came to Japan and joined the ceremony.



Dr. Sakamoto, President of BRI

In the ceremony, we had a special guest, Mr. Kenju Murakami, Director of Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA).

The Global Seismological Observation Training Course has the special aim to develop human resources having acquired the skills necessary for detecting nuclear tests applying seismological knowledge. This training program is carried out by the support and cooperation of CTBTO, MOFA, JICA, Japan Meteorological Agency and other organizations.

After the guests' addresses, Dr. Yuzo Sakamoto, President of BRI and Mr. Haga, Director General of JICA Tsukuba made their welcome speeches.

Finally, as the representative of the participants, Mr. Muhammad Tahir Iqbal from Pakistan gave an address. Although the course period is short, we hope that they will be actively engaged in the training program and take good memories to their home. It is in the middle of the cold winter in Japan now but we give them a hearty welcome.



Opening Ceremony

Support to JICA training program in Chile

By Dr. Tatsuya Azuhata, Chief Research Engineer of IISEE



Lecture at training facility of MOP

The technical cooperation project concerning the Disaster Risk Reduction Training Program for Latin America and the Caribbean has been started based on an agreement between the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Chilean International Cooperation Agency (AGSI) since April 2015. The BRI collaborates on two training programs in this project with the National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management (NILIM). One of those programs is

on "rapid evaluation safety assessment" and the other is on "seismic engineering of building structure".

The training program on "rapid evaluation safety assessment" was carried out for about three weeks from Oct. 19 in last year by the Ministry of Public Works of Chile on Santiago. 20 trainees participated from 11 countries. Dr. Azuhata and Dr. Fukuyama, who is the director of Housing Department of NILIM were dispatched from BRI and NILIM, respectively. Each of them lectured on each subject for three days in this training program. Also during a stay in Chile, they discussed on lecture contents of another training program that will be held from next year with staffs of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile who are training course organizers and determined the lecture items.

This training project will be carried out until 2019, and the BRI is going to dispatch lecturers to Chile every year till then.



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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IISEE Training Schedule in 2016

★Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Courses

January 4 (Mon)	Resumption of the Lectures
February 16(Tue)	International Friendship Party and General Meeting
*April 18(Mon)-22(Fri)	Study Tour to Kansai Area
May 31(Tue)	General Meeting
June 1 (Wed) - September 2 (Fri)	Individual Study
July 15(Fri), 19(Tue)	Interim Presentation
August 22(Mon)-23(Tue)	Final Presentation and General Meeting
*August - September	Courtesy Call to the MLIT Minister (one-day)
September 13(Tue)	IISEE Closing Ceremony
September 14(Wed)	GRIPS Graduation Ceremony

★Global Seismological Observation Training Course

January 19(Tue)	Opening Ceremony
February 3(Wed)-6(Sat)	Study Tour to Kansai Area
February 16(Tue)	International Friendship Party
March 11(Fri)	Closing Ceremony

*Tentative schedule