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## Dialog with Former Minister of the Republic of El Salvador

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On November 29<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Gerson Martínez (Expert on Climate Change Adaptation and Former Salvadoran Minister of Public Works, Transportation, Housing, Urban Development) and Mr. Emilio Martín Ventura Díaz (Director of Adaptation to Climate Change and Strategic Risk Management in the Salvadoran Ministry of Public Works · Transportation · Housing · Urban Development) from El Salvador and Ms. Martha Lidia Zelayandía (Ambassador of the Republic of El Salvador) visited Building Research Institute(BRI) and exchanged their opinions on the current situation and future efforts of earthquake resistant projects with officers of BRI such as President Dr. Midorikawa.

Mr. Emilio Martín Ventura Díaz is a former training participant who completed the Earthquake Engineering course of 2006-2007. He was appointed Vice-Minister of Public Works on December 1<sup>st</sup> in El Salvador.



Visit to BRI :

From left: Mr.Ventura, Dr.Midorikawa, Mr. Martínez



Dialog between Dr.Midorikawa and Mr. Martínez and Zelayandía

## 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!!



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## Lectures about Disaster Management Policy

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As One-Year Training Course held at the International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering (IISEE) is cooperating with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), it is possible to obtain a master's degree.

Training participants who are aiming to acquire the master's degree of disaster management policy of GRIPS moved from Tsukuba to Tokyo and took professional lectures on disaster management policy from November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to lectures by GRIPS professors, they made an inspection tour of disaster prevention efforts of Roppongi Hills, Tokyo Skytree and Kanegafuchi area of Sumida-Tokyo. They also made presentations and discussions about disaster management policy by being divided into each group.



## Contact Us

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

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

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## Participation in the 2017 annual meeting of JAEE

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The 2017 annual meeting of Japan Association for Earthquake Engineering was held at Tokyo University on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November. The E-course participants of the IISEE attended the international session in this meeting and observed some exhibitions by Japanese private companies. Also, Dr. Yokoi, Mr. Inukai, and Dr. Azuhata presented their research achievements in this meeting, respectively.

The international session dealt with research topics which some IISEE participants are now researching, such as a non-linear behavior of masonry walls and ductility estimation of reinforced concrete structures.

In the exhibition, they could hear explanations about products or soft wares for building constructions from Japanese engineers directly. Also, they could exchange various information with international students staying in Japan. By attending this meeting, they were able to have a significant time.