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Farewell Message as the 101st JSCE President

I would like to look back the one year that I have spent as JSCE President.

2014 JSCE Annual Meeting was held at College of Industrial Technology, Nihon University in Chiba. The featured meeting International Panel Discussion was held on the theme on “Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal for Achieving Sustainable Society.” The representatives of 9 Agreement of Cooperation societies (AOC) overseas joined it and shared their views and opinions. Also the 15th International Summer Symposium was offered for international students who were studying in Japan as one of the annual meeting International Session. This symposium was a unique and important meeting in view of developing JSCE’s international network.



Kotaro HASHIMOTO
JSCE Immediate Past
President

In August, I attended the 6th Civil Engineering Conference in the Asian Region (6th CECAR) held in Jakarta, hosted by Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council (ACECC). JSCE was appointed the ACECC Secretariat along with the election of the ACECC General Secretary during this conference.

Besides, I had several opportunities to meet overseas engineering professional societies such as American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Indonesia Society of Civil and Structural Engineers (HAKI), Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE, UK), Korean Society of Civil Engineers (KSCE), Myanmar Engineering Society (MES), Nepal Engineering Association (NEA), Royal Institute of Engineers in the Netherland (KIVI NIRIA), Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Association (VFCEA), and Vietnam Bridge and Road Association (VIBRA). I met the presidents of those societies and reaffirmed the friendship and cooperation with JSCE.

ASCE holds its annual conference in Panama to celebrate the Panama Canal centennial this year. That celebration coincides with JSCE’s 100th Anniversary Celebration. I wish both ASCE and JSCE successful and wonderful celebrations.

Moreover I would like to mention that the IAC hosts the two interesting symposiums. One is IAC International Symposium on Internationalization of Japanese Construction Industry 3 Series, and the other IAC Japanese Civil Engineers the Global Leaders Symposium Series.

As for natural disaster response, JSCE took a swift action to respond to the disaster caused by Typhoon Haiyan, which hit the central islands of Philippines on November 8, 2013. JSCE, in cooperation with Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc. (PICE), formed a disaster survey and technical assistance team, and conducted disaster assessments in the affected areas from December 12 to 16.

JSCE marks its centennial in this November. The Society holds a commemorative ceremony, the 3rd Roundtable Meeting on Disaster Management, and International Forum on “Contributions of Infrastructure to Life of Affluence.”

Last, I do thank all JSCE members who give continued support to IAC, and appreciate for further cooperation and advice. I look forward to seeing that JSCE develops its international communication and cooperation.

Thank you very much.



**2013 JSCE Annual Meeting International Guests at Welcome Reception,
College of Industrial Technology, Nihon University**

Joint Company Information Session in Civil Engineering for International Students

IAC International Student Network Group held a Joint Company Information Session in Civil Engineering for International Students at the JSCE HQ in Tokyo on May 31. The objective of that Session is to provide international students who are currently studying in Japan with information on Japanese construction companies and job opportunities. It was the second time for the Group to organize the Session following last year's one. 12 companies participated this year and 9 out of those companies made presentations on their business activities. The 9 companies also set up their booths at which they placed their brochures and met international student in person. Total 47 students attended the Session mainly from universities in the Kanto region.



Kohei NAGAI
The University of Tokyo
Int'l Student Network
Gr. Leader

The 12 Participating Companies are:

Chodai Co., Ltd., Dai Nippon Construction, Eight-Japan Engineering Consultants Inc., KATAHIRA & ENGINEERS INTERNATIONAL, KATAHIRA & ENGINEERS Inc., KISO-JIBAN CONSULTANTS CO., LTD., NIPPON KOEI CO., LTD., Nishimatsu Construction Co., Ltd., OBAYASHI CORPORATION, SHIMIZU CORPORATION, TAISEI CORPORATION and TODA CORPORATION

Each of the companies delivered a 10-minute presentation on its business, projects, and job opportunities for international students at the beginning of the session. Then, those students, after listening to the presentations, moved to the companies' booths and learned businesses details, job opportunities and others.



A company rep talks his company business

The Session consisted of a short company-presentation time and a long company-student meeting time at booth, that was realized based on the feedback collected from the questionnaire issued at the last year's Session. This session structure helped the participants listen to the presentations attentively in a limited time-frame and acquire the information what they wanted to spending some time at company booths.

It was a good opportunity for both the companies and students to learn each other. There are many Japanese companies which have had little experience in hiring international students and not fully developed working conditions and requirements like the level of Japanese communication skills to hire international students so far. Accordingly, almost all of the students at the Session had little knowledge of the Japanese companies. The International Student Network Group, being aware of these facts, plans to hold the Session on a regular basis, once a year possibly, considering a proper time, organization, and others to respond to the feedback from the participants. The Group strongly will make the Session a major opportunity to liaise between the Japanese companies which look for qualified candidates and the international students who are interested in working in Japan.



Int'l students meet company reps.

2014 JSCE Award

JSCE International Award, Continuing International Contribution Award and International Collaboration Award honored 4, 15, and 5 civil engineering professionals respectively at the JSCE Award ceremony held at JSCE General Meeting on June 13, 2013

For further details, please visit http://www.jsce.or.jp/prize/prize_list/p2013.shtml (Japanese Only)

*Affiliations as of the dates that the above awardees were nominated as candidates for the awards.

◆International Award

Name	Affiliation
Hajime IKEDA	NIPPON KOEI CO., LTD.
Osamu KUNITA	The Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan (OCDI)
Tadahiko SAKAMOTO	Japan Commission on Large Dams (JCOLD), NIPPON KOEI CO., LTD.
AHN, Hee-Do	Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology (KIOST)

◆ **Continuing International Contribution Award**

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Mikio ISHIWATARI	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Shigeaki TANAKA	TAISEI CORPORATION
Tomoki UMEDA	HAZAMA ANDO CORPORATION	Satoru NITTA	SATO KOGYO Co., Ltd.
Tetsuya OGUSHI	TOBISHIMA Corporation	Tatsuo HARADA	African Development Bank
Kazuya OSAKO	SHIMIZU CORPORATION	Shigeki MARUTAKA	KAJIMA CORPORATION
Takahiro OSHIMA	MAEDA CORPORATION	Tatsuya MIYAZATO	NIPPON KOEI CO., LTD.
Michiya SADAMATSU	OBAYASHI CORPORATION	Nobuyuki YAKUMARU	FUJITA CORPORATION
Takuji SHIGEYAMA	SUMITOMO MITSUI CONSTRUCTION CO.,LTD.	Yoichi WATABE	Port and Airport Research Institute(PARI)
Seiichi SUZUKI	Tokyo Electric Power Company, Incorporated		

◆ **International Collaboration Award**

Name	Affiliation
KO, Wu Te	Cheng Shiu University
Jorge MULLER	Oriental Consultants Co., Ltd.
SHIH, Wen-Hsiung	Ministry of Transportation and Communication, Taiwan
Phan Le BINH	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
SUN, Limin	Tongji University

◆ **JSCE Korea Section Prof. Lee, Honorary Member, and Taiwan Section Assist. Prof. Ko an JSCE International Collaboration Awardee**



Prof. Lee, Dong-Uk , the JSCE Korea Section President (left) was recognized with JSCE Honorary Member, and Assist. Prof. Ko, Wu-Te, Secretary General of JSCE Taiwan Section (right) was with the International Collaboration Award for their dedication, achievements and contribution to JSCE and the progress of civil engineering.

What's Happening

- 2014/8/5 IAC Japanese Civil Engineers the Global Leaders Symposium Series No.2 on “Hoover Dam Bypass- Colorado River Construction at the JSCE HQ, Tokyo
http://committees.jsce.or.jp/kokusai/project_2 (Japanese Only)
- 2014/8/26~28 2014 HAKI Annual Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2014/8/28~29 JSCE Seibu branch-KSCE Pusan-Ulsan-Kyungnam Sections-Taiwan Society & Public Works Joint Seminar in Pusan, Korea

Updates

- The summary of feature articles in the JSCE Magazine is available on the JSCE website.
<http://www.jsce-int.org/pub/magazine>
- Concrete Committee International Newsletter No. 37
<http://www.jsce.or.jp/committee/concrete/e/newsletter/Newsletter.htm>
- Journal of JSCE
The Journal of JSCE is the collection of research papers which can be viewed on the JSCE website.
<https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/journalofjsce>
- JSCE 100th Anniversary Postal Stamp will be released in September, 2014.
<http://jsce100.com/node/250> (Japanese Only)

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Prof. Lee of JSCE Korea Section and Assist. Prof. Ko of Taiwan Section received the JSCE Honorary Membership and the International Collaboration Award respectively at the JSCE Award ceremony held the General Meeting. When I heard that their names were introduced, I was so happy and couldn't hold myself from applauding them. They are not just distinguished engineers. They are wonderful, fun people to work with, good friends to us and irreplaceable liaison between JSCE and KSCE, and CICHE. Without them, I'm afraid that we IAC had not built good communication with KSCE, and with CICHE. Well, I'm wondering if we are making effort as much as they do, taking actions to respond to their expectations, and moving ourselves forward to see them. What do you think?

【Comments and Questions】

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