

New Year Greeting from Chairman

Dear Colleagues;

Happy New Year!

I'm sure that everyone enjoyed festive days at the beginning of the New Year.

As chairman of JSCE Concrete Committee, I would like to describe last year's committee's activities as well as those that will be ongoing this year.



JSCE has introduced an annual evaluation system for all committees based on their activities. The concrete committee has been ranked at the top since the system was introduced. Last year, of course, our activities were evaluated as making the most contributions to the public as well as to the society. I sincerely extend my appreciation to all committee members for their efforts.

Some noteworthy activities are as follows.

- (1) JSCE Standard Specifications for Concrete Structures has been revised every 5 years. Next revised version will be published this year.
- (2) The revised version of JSCE specifications for the joints of steel reinforcement will be published soon. The new volume includes technologies that have been developed during 27 years after the first version was published in 1980.
- (3) The guidelines for design and construction practice of fiber reinforced cementitious composites will be published soon.
- (4) The guidelines for design of mix proportion of concrete in accordance with the requirements at construction site will be published soon.
- (5) Collaboration with Asian countries is continuing. We have held joint seminars on concrete code specifications with Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Associations, and on concrete engineering with Korean Society of Civil Engineers.
- (6) Study of roman concrete in the age of Augustus, the emperor of Roman Empire, is continuing. The technical report will be published this year.
- (7) The special committee for PRC bridge structures is continuing. The missions this year are to propose the repair and strengthening techniques as well as the monitoring method. The overall system for plan, design, construction, and management of structures in Japan is also examined, and a new system may be proposed.
- (8) Two new committees have just been launched. One is to study how to use fly ash effectively for concrete. The other is to study what are required to assess and assure design of concrete structures.

Currently more than 20 subcommittees are active in the Concrete Committee. I am sure that through such activities we will continue to make technical contribution to the society.

I wish everyone a very successful new year.

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Chairman of JSCE Concrete Committee