



# Japan Society of Civil Engineers International Activities Committee Newsletter

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## Greetings from Chair of International Activities Committee, JSCE



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As a newly appointed chair of International Activities Committee (IAC) of JSCE, I would like to send my personal greetings to JSCE International Sections. It is my great pleasure, first of all, to inform you of the establishment of Indonesia Section this June, making six international sections in total now.

At the first IAC meeting held on July 4, I proposed the following plans for the Committee to consider, in order strengthening the activities of international sections and reinforcing the tie between the JSCE international sections and Headquarters:

- (1) Setting up JSCE Library in each international section,
- (2) Organizing JSCE touring lectures in each international section,
- (3) Holding a technical meeting annually in each international section,
- (4) Reporting the activities of each international section to the Board of Directors of the JSCE Headquarters regularly, and
- (5) Appointing the President of each international section to an IAC member.

I also seriously consider revising "Guidelines for Establishing an International Section of JSCE (revised in January, 2001)",

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including the official term for international section, in order to establish international sections throughout the world. Your comments regarding my proposal as well as the current Guidelines are very much welcomed.

I wish for each international section to be successful in developing its activity and look forward to working with all the members of international sections in the future.

## Dr. Park won the 2006 JSCE International Award



**Kyung-Boo Park**

*International Award winner  
for the year of 2006*

*President, Korean Disaster  
Prevention Association;  
Immediate Past President,  
Korea Section, JSCE*

The JSCE 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly was held at Hotel Metropolitan Edmont on May 25, 2007. At this event, the International Award was presented to five civil engineers for their significant contribution to the advancement of the Japanese civil engineering science and technology. Dr. Kyung-Boo Park, Past President of Korea Section, JSCE was the only foreign nationally among the award winners.

## The 2006 Environmental Award Cheng Gyu Cheon Restratement Project

Cheng Gyu Cheon Restoration Project of the Seoul City was presented the 2006 Environmental Award. Mr. Kil-Dong Park of the Seoul Metropolitan Government attended to receive the award at the JSCE 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. The project was given high marks for the innovate ideas and the latest civil engineering technology developed to carry out the project.

The project has made it successful to restore the environment of Cheng Gyu Cheon

River once contaminated and to create a green zone has been created in the city of Seoul.

### **Presidential Visit to Mongolia: MACE Annual Meeting & Seminar, JSCE Mongolian Section, and Major Public Offices**

#### **Courtesy visit to the Embassy of Japan in Mongolia on June 6**

The JSCE president Dr. Ishii paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Yasukichi Ichihashi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary together with Mr. Chirchin Dorjderem President of the Mongolian Section and Mr. Kazuaki Notake a Mongolian Section member in the morning on June 6. In the meeting, Mr. Ichihashi expressed his expectations towards JSCE's future international contributions and requests to JSCE to induce the Ministry of Transport, Land and Infrastructure (MLIT) to strengthen the cooperation with Mongolia in assisting the country for further infrastructure development.

#### **Discussion with MACE**

After the visit to the Embassy of Japan, the JSCE delegation went to the headquarters of Mongolian Association of Civil Engineers (MACE) to meet with Dr. Ganzorig Erdene, President.

At the meeting, Prof. Shunji Kusayanagi of Kochi University of Technology and his colleagues, and Mongolian Section members joined and had discussions with the MACE members.

The MACE members talked about the increasing demands for infrastructure development, and in order to meet the demands, they were making great effort to improve their skills and knowledge. To them, that, the JSCE party suggested to consult the Japanese government's strategy for the nation's reconstruction after-World War II and the development of Japanese engineering technology, and that government's past assistance to Mongolia's developing infrastructure.

#### **MACE Annual Meeting & Seminar Opening Ceremony**

The MACE Annual Meeting & Seminar opened on the 7<sup>th</sup> with many international guests at the Japan-Mongolia Center for the three-day long event. At the

opening ceremony, Dr. Ganzorig Erdene, Mr. Narantsatsralt Janlav, Minister for Construction and Urban Development, the Government of Mongolia and then Dr. Ishii delivered a speech respectively.

In his speech, Dr. Ishii talked about the successful reconstruction and development of Japan owing to mainly the engineering technologies transferred from overseas, and that JSCE were ready to cooperate with MACE for further infrastructure development in Mongolia.



*Many MACE members gathered at the Opening Ceremony*

#### **Visit to Mongolian Association of Road Engineers (MARE) on June 7**

After the opening ceremony, Dr. Ishii visited the office of Mongolian Association of Road Engineers (MARE), which comes under the Ministry of Road, Transport and Tourism, and discussed with Mr. Gambo Lkhamjav, Executive Director of MARE and Mr. Onon Rentsendorj of the Ministry of Road, Transport and Tourism.

Learning that the MARE had a close relationship with the afore said ministry while MACE did with the Ministry for Construction and Urban Development, the JSCE president proposed an idea of creating an umbrella organization to build a bridge between the two associations for better communication between them and also with JSCE. The idea was recommended to MACE as well.

#### **JSCE-MACE Joint Seminar on June 8**

The seminar on "Construction Management and High-Rise Building Design and Construction" was held as a MACE and JSCE joint activity on the second day of the MACE Annual Meeting, sponsored by JSCE - International Scientific Exchange Fund.

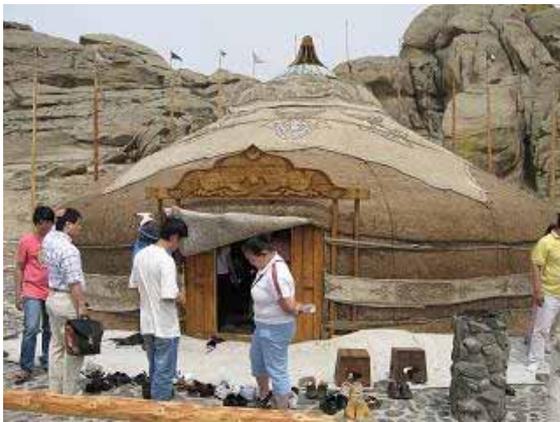
The seminar was a good opportunity for more than 200 participants to exchange information with each other.

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## Courtesy Visit to Ministry of Construction and Urban Development

While was ongoing the joint seminar, Prof. Yeong-Bin Yang President of Chinese Institute of Civil and Hydraulic Engineering (CICHE) and Dr. Ishii made a courtesy call on Mr. Narantsatsralt Jalav, Minister for Construction and Urban Development. In the meeting, Dr. Ishii presented the Society's future plans of cooperation with Mongolia, in which Mr. Narantsantralt expressed his keen interest.

## International Roundtable Meeting on June 9



*The venue for Roundtable Meeting*

In the Roundtable Meeting, the JSCE president emphasized on "Capacity Building" in relation to the past development of civil engineering discipline and then introduced JSCE's CPD system. Next, Prof. Yang of CICHE discussed about the importance of multi-disciplinary study for civil engineers to improve their knowledge and skills, to whose views the JSCE president agreed.

The MACE, CICHE and JSCE presidents concluded the meeting with a promised to see each other again at the 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Conference in the Asian Region (CECAR) to be held in Taipei.

## Overview

This visit marked as another step forward to strengthen the MACE and JSCE relationship, promising future cooperative activities.

Without the extensive assistance and warm hospitality rendered by the Mongolia Section members, the visit would not have been successful. To the Section members, the JSCE delegation would like to express a deep gratitude, at the same time, realized the Section's remarkable work of liaising between not only the local and Japanese civil engineering communities but also the two countries.

## JSCE-MACE Joint Seminar

JSCE-MACE Joint Seminar was held as part of the feature programs of the MACE Annual Meeting & Seminar on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. The theme was "Construction Management Systems and Planning/ Design of High-Rise Concrete Buildings.

On the 8<sup>th</sup>, the joint seminar was convened with the opening messages of Dr. Ganzorig Erdene, followed by Dr. Ishii.

More than 200 participants gathered for the joint seminar from home and abroad such as Taiwan and Japan, and actively shared each other's views and opinions on the theme.

The success of the joint seminar seemed to be encouraging to MACE, for they were planning another joint seminar with JSCE in the not-far future.

To Dr. Ganzorig, Mr.Gantumur, the MACE staff and members and also the professors of Mongolian University of Science and Technology, the JSCE delegation greatly acknowledge their generous assistance and cooperation which made this joint seminar successful, and express its deepest appreciation to them. Thank you sincerely.



**MACE Annual Meeting & Seminar**

**Date:** June 7-9, 2007

**Venues:** Chinggis Khaan Hotel, Japan-Mongolia Center, and the 13<sup>th</sup> Century National Park

**The 6<sup>th</sup> International Section - Indonesia Section established**

JSCE has just opened the 6<sup>th</sup> International Section -Indonesia Section.

The launching ceremony of the Indonesia Section was held twice, one in Jakarta and one in the city of Medan in Sumatra, in July. Prof. Hamada the immediate past president joined the ceremony to celebrate the new section's opening.

First, the launching ceremony was held at the National Indonesia University in Jakarta. Prof. Dr. Ir. Sutanto Soehodo, Vice Rector of Academic, was appointed as the president of Indonesia Section and Mr. Tomoji Suzuki of Tobishima Corporation, Indonesia Office was as Secretary General.

After that in Jakarta, the launching ceremony was held once more in Medan, at University of North Sumatra, because of JSCE's respect and friendship with the local engineers: there were many Japanese members of JSCE who kept a good relationship with the local civil engineers; many local engineers signed as petitioners requesting the establishment of a JSCE section in the area. At the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Ir. Bachria Lubis, MSc. of the university was officially announced as Vice President of the Section.

The new addition of Indonesia Section indicates JSCE' entering a new phase of international activity. Working hand-in hand with the Section and the other five together, the Society will form closer links with wider areas and lay the foundation on which civil engineers communicate with each other dynamically.



*Prof. Dr. Sutanto Soehdho is accepting the appointment as President of Indonesia Section*

**News**

**Obituary: Prof. Fumio Nishino**



Dr. Fumio Nishino, Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo, passed away on May 6. He was 71 years old. The farewell ceremony was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at "Heian Room", Hotel Okura, Tokyo.

In his professional career, Dr. Nishino accomplished a remarkable feat and numerous contributions to the development of civil engineering, specializing in structural and bridge engineering; his achievements represented the advanced Japanese civil engineering technology to the world.

Not only having he served to set up East Asia-Pacific Conference on Structural Engineering & Construction (EASEC), but he also endeavored to develop the framework of APEC Engineers and to promote Continuing Professional Development/ Professional Engineer qualification internationally as a board member of The Federation of Engineering Institution in Southeast Asia and the Pacific (FEISAP). Moreover, he drew various programs and plans for engineering education, public services and the utilization of private-sector funds working with several public agencies.

As these examples shows, his contributions to society are numerous and keep producing fruits in and outside the country.

He was selected for the JSCE Achievement Award this year, and his attendance was wished for at the award ceremony in the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly held on May 25. However, unfortunately it did not happen.

He is the first awardee of the ACECC Award for Achievement.

Dr. Nishino is one of the civil engineers who have brought a new phase in the Japanese civil engineering.

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