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The Activities of Japan Society of Civil Engineers Message from President Ishii



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President

When I took the office as the 95th president of JSCE, I set three objectives to pursue during my one-year tenure: to make more contribution to further development and welfare of nearby Asian countries, to implement an infrastructure assessment program, and to set up a plan to celebrate the JSCE 100th anniversary to be held in seven years. Since then, I have been pursuing these objectives with my JSCE colleagues and feel getting on the right track. Besides working for these objectives, I have also put my efforts to promote "Speaking out" to improve communication with society.

(1) Contribution to further development and welfare of Asia

Civil engineer's responsibility is to construct infrastructure such that the three conditions- Safety, Convenience and Good Environment are ensured in people's daily life.

Our country, building good skills and technologies to deal with its sever environmental conditions and overcoming the limited knowledge and financial resource, accomplished modernization in the late 19th century and the high economic growth started in the 1950's. The country owed these achievements to our senior civil engineers' dynamic leadership and significant efforts.

Meanwhile, there are many people in Asia who have not received benefits from modernization and economic growth in society yet. Rather, we have even recalled with a bitter feeling that the Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami afflicted the people living in the countries surrounding the ocean and many of them have been suffered from the aftermath of the disaster still.

Seeing the impact on the people and their lives, we have come to notice that what we have learned from our successful and unsuccessful experiences in the past could be shared with the people in the Asian region to give ideas to improve their knowledge and skills towards further development of society, and we earnestly hope that. Besides sharing the experience, we are taking other approaches to contribute to that region: reinforcing JSCE investigation team's assistance and support to disaster-afflicted areas and countries, establishing International Sections, promoting the JSCE CPD system to get referred to more widely in the civil engineering industry, and devising unified technical standards taking into account the