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It is a great pleasure for me to extend my cordial New Year greetings and best wishes to the JSCE members and to the members of the JSCE International Sections in particular. On this occasion I, as JSCE Representative to ACECC (Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council), would like to introduce you to the activities of ACECC and the contribution of JSCE to ACECC.

Based on the success of the 1st International Civil Engineering Conference in Manila, in February 1998, PICE (Philippines), ASCE (USA), and JSCE had a series of meetings of discussion aiming at creating an international association to coordinate cooperation among civil engineering societies/institutions in the Asian region. In September, 1999, ACECC was established as a result of the discussion and the proposal by three societies, and the initial members of ACECC were five societies/institutions including KSCE (Korea) and CICHE (Taiwan) in addition to the three societies mentioned above. After the creation of ACECC, Engineers Australia (formerly the Institution of Engineers, Australia), VIFCEA (Vietnam), MACE (Mongolia), HAKI (Indonesian Society of Civil and Structural Engineers) joined in ACECC and therefore nine societies/institutions are the members of ACECC so far.

The Civil Engineering Conference in the Asian Region (CECAR) which is one of the main activities of ACECC was held in a triennial basis and the 2nd Conference (Tokyo) in April, 2001, the 3rd Conference (Seoul) in August, 2004, the 4th Conference (Taipei) in June 2007 were held respectively following the 1st Conference in Manila, 1998. I believe many of you participated in the 4th Taipei Conference where the special lectures, forums and dozens of presentations were made and the "ACECC Taipei Declaration on Sustainable Development" was adopted as a result of the discussion by the presidents of member societies at the Asian Summit. In the Taipei Conference, it was decided that the 5th CECAR would be held in Sydney in 2010.

Abundant human resources (approximately 60% of the world population), rich natural resources, improved manufacturing abilities and