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Let's expand our friendship as global civil engineers!



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It's my great pleasure to have an opportunity to introduce our activities as Chair of JSCE Information Subcommittee under the International Activities Committee, as well as Chair of JSCE Committee on ACECC.

As we have noticed, the fields of civil engineers activities have been dramatically broadened and varied. This is based on the change of our lives becoming more and more diverse. Now civil engineers are strongly requested to have an ability to gather and coordinate interdisciplinary professional ideas and information without boundaries of engineering fields and nations. In such a situation, global information has become an essential source for our activities in order to foster global visions, to promote international cooperation, to develop technologies, to protect valuable environment, and of course, to create sustainable societies.

If we look into the construction market, a number of international projects are currently under way. As the Japanese domestic construction market is shrinking, many of our colleagues have no choice but to work overseas. In some developing countries, accessible sources of information are too limited for them to be competitive, and engineers recognize the importance of having strong human and information networks. How we extract the necessary and timely information is the key to the success of our engineering activities.

Although many years have passed since the necessity for us to become internationalized was recognized in Japan, I think Japanese civil engineers still need to make continuous efforts to become more international. A huge number of resources for our technologies, such as design codes, manuals and reports are still written only in Japanese..

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