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JSCE - A Hub of International Civil Engineering Community



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JSCE has been a hub of international civil engineering community, since its foundation in 1914. There are many kinds of hubs in the world for culture, industry, discipline, region, etc. The hub function of JSCE has definitely been one of those.

A new era of modernization in Japan begun with the emergence and establishment of the Meiji Government in 1868. The utmost importance and urgency at that time was recognized to import advanced technology and engineering from overseas. Many engineers in every discipline were invited to stay in Japan and transfer technology and engineering to Japanese personnel. All sorts of advanced technology converged in this country by utilizing the hub function at the time.

Engineers then soon recognized an acute need of information collecting, sorting and spreading among themselves as well as between foreign expatriates, in other words, a hub function. The Japan Federation of Engineering Societies (JFES) was founded in 1879 as the first engineering organization in Japan, with a mission to foster the advancement of engineering technology and industry through cooperation of membership organizations. It is now the only incorporated organization consisting of over 100 engineering societies (including several scientific societies). The hub function of the JFES for engineering community is very apparently an inherent character and to be transmitted to all the member associations. The behavior which started as domestic activities soon became international.

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