

News

- * In February, 1974, Verona International Soil Mechanics Fair was held in Verona, Italy, sponsored by Italian National Geological Association. Professor S. Okamoto, President of Saitama University, Professor Emeritus of University of Tokyo was invited and made a special lecture on "Actual Tendency of Engineering Works against Earthquakes in Japan" in the meeting of "Problems in Engineering Seismology" in which Professor F. Villa took the chair. The full text is expected to be published in "Geologia Tecnica".
- * Dr. Tsuneo Okada, Associate Professor, Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo, stayed at University of California, Berkeley for fifteen months (7/15, 1973- 10/14, 1974) under the joint sponsorship of Japan Society for Promotion of Science and National Science Foundation and proceeded the project of "Seismic Safety of Existing School Buildings" with Professors Boris Bresler and Joseph Penzien.
- * The strong earthquake of $M=6.9$ took place in the Izu Peninsula on May 9, 1974. Members of ERS carried out the field survey on damages.
- * Dr. S. Kawamata, Associate Professor, Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo attended the IABSE Seminar on "CONCRETE STRUCTURES SUBJECTED TO TRIAXIAL STRESSES," 17-19 May, 1974, Bergamo, Italy and presented a paper on the analysis of PCPV.
- * On May 28 and 29, Institute of Industrial Science was open to public to show its research activities. ERS had one room in which laboratories of ERS members displayed results of their recent activities.
- * Dr. K. Takanashi, Associate Professor, Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo, supported by the Japanese Government, set off to study behaviours of steel structures under earthquake excitation at both Lehigh University Pennsylvania, Bethlehem, Pa. and the University of California Berkeley, California in the beginning of September 1974.
- * Professor K. Kubo of the Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo, attended the UN-ECE Seminar on "Construction in Seismic Regions and in Regions with Difficult Soil Conditions" held in Bucharest from Oct. 14 to Oct. 19, 1974. He presented a paper entitled "Aseismic Protection Policies in Japan".

- * This year many notable scholars from abroad visited Institute of Industrial Science. Among them the following professors from U.S.A. participated in the ERS meeting and discussed with members on earthquake engineering:

May 28, Professor J. Penzien, University of California

Dec.17, Professor T.H.H. Pian, MIT.

Jan.14, Professor R.S. Ayre, University of Colorado.

- * The Institution for Safety of High Pressure Gas Engineering completed to prepare the guideline to "Safety and Loss Prevention for Large Scale Petrochemical and Related Industries." In this guideline, the standard procedure of the aseismic design of such chemical engineering plant is shown. To the drafting committee, Prof. Kubo, Shibata and Sato were contributed.