

News

Professor T. Okada attended the ACI Annual Convention held at Phoenix, Arizona, U. S. A., during the period of March 4-9, 1984 and presented the paper on Seismic Capacity of Existing Reinforced Concrete Buildings.

Professor Shibata attended the workshop for drafting "Aseismic Design of Nuclear Facilities with Limited Radio Active Inventory" held by International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna Twice.

Professor Shibata visited Beijin, Xicm and Shanghai for giving the lecture on "Aseismic Design of Industrial Facilities" at China Academy of Building Research, Beijin Institute of Nuclear Engineering, China Detro-Chemical Co. and other organizations by the invitation of Earthquake Engineering Office, Ministry of Urban and Rural Construction and Enviromental Protection in March, and also attended "International Workshop on Earthquake Engineering in Shanghai organized by Tongji University

Professor Shibata attended the programing meeting for ICOSSAR-'85 International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability) in Hawaii in May. Professors Ang, Shinozuka, Schueller, Konishi, Kobori, Itoh and others, who are the main organizers of the Conference which will be held in May 1985 in Kobe, came together.

Professor Shibata attended the U.S.NRC and MITI Safety Information Exchange meeting which was held in Palo Alto, California, and presented a paper "Seismic Capacity Testing of a Thin Wall 500ton Cylindrical Tank" and was a panelist on "Seismic Testing of Equipment and Pipings." And he attended the World Conference on Earthquake Engineering held in San Francisco with other ERS members. He presented a paper "Human Operability under Earthquake Conditions." There were several discussions on the effect of the wall for isolating the operator from the absolute space co-crordinate.

Professor Zhang, Z. Y., Tongji University, had been staying at Plant Engineering (Shibata's) Laboratory for four months to study on Seismic PRA under the sponsorship of Kajima Science Foundation.

Professor Shibata attended China-Japan Vibration Joint Conference held in Shanghai in October. This meeting was sponsored by the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Shanghai Society of Mechanical Engineering, and was organized by the Shanghai Jias Tong University.

Professor Shibata attended PRC-US-Japan Trilateral Symp. /Workshop on Engineering for Maltiple Natural Hazard Mitigation" which was held in Beijin in January 1985. It was organized by Institute of Engineering Mechanics in Harbin. He issued a part of the resolution with Professors Veltsos and Hu. See "News Letter" in this issue.

Five professors including professor emeritus S. Okamoto attended the meeting for presentation of the final report on "Japan-China Cooperative Research on Earthquake Engineering," held at Beijing in China during the period of September 21 to October 6, 1984.

The Eighth World Conference on Earthquake Engineering was held in San Francisco during the period of July 21 to 28, 1984 and nine ERS members attended the conference to present the papers.

The first Japan-Korea Colloquium on Shell and Space Structures was organized by Professors T. Kwan, Sung Kyun Kwan University and Y. Hangai, the Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo, and held in Korea, supported by the Architectural Institute of Korea, with about 50 participants in August 6-9, 1984.

Associate Professor F. Tatsuoka visited Dr. Frans Molenkamp, Delft Soil Mechanics Laboratory, the Netherlands, from 20th to 28th October, 1984 to perform the co-operative study on the cyclic undrained behavior of sand and related soil testing methods.