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Prof. C. Tamura attended at 57th Executive Meeting of ICOLD held at Copenhagen, Denmark on July 3-8, 1989 as a member of the Committee on Seismic Aspects of Dam Design.

Prof. C. Tamura and Prof. K. Konagai visited Ito city on July 12 and July 15 to make reconnaissance of damages caused by the Earthquake swarm took place east off the Izu peninsular in early July which was followed by an undersea eruption on July 13, 1989.

Prof. C. Tamura and Prof. K. Konagai visited San Francisco area and its suburbs in November to investigate damages caused by the Loma Prieta Earthquake of November 17, 1989.

Prof. C. Tamura visited Dalian University of Technology, China from Nov. 5 to 8, 1989, and made lectures on seismic motion of rock ground. He also exchanged some informations about a cooperative researches between the IIS, Univ. of Tokyo and the Dalian Univ. of Technology.

Prof. T. Okada was elected for the Director of IIS, University of Tokyo.

Dr. Y. Nakano started service as a lecturer, April 1989.

Dr. Y. Nakano, Messrs. T. Ugata and T. Inoue visited Izu Area, Shizuoka Prefecture, to investigate structural damages due to Izu-Toho-Oki-Gunpatsu Earthquake during the period of July 8 to 9, 1989.

Prof. T. Okada and Mr. F. Kumazawa attended the Fifth Meeting of the Joint Technical Coordinating Committee on Masonry Research, U.S.-Japan Cooperative Research Program held at BRL, Tsukuba, Japan, October 26-28, 1989.

Associate Professor Toi attended the 1989 ASME Pressure Vessels and Piping Conference in July, 1989 and presented the paper entitled "Finite Element Analysis of Dynamic Fracture of Brittle Microcracking Solids".

Prof. K. Takanashi attended Advisory Committee of European Convention for Constructional Steelworks(ECCS), AC3 and AC5 in July 1989. He participated in discussions on how to implement Euro Code 3 in various countries and how to develop refurbishment of buildings by steel.

Prof. K. Takanashi visited Imperial College, London in August 1989 as the first visitor since exchange of Memorandum aiming at promotion of cooperative research works between Institute of Industrial Science and Imperial College. He gave a lecture at the seminar organized by Department of Civil Engineering.

Prof. Y. Hangai attended the 10th International Conference on Structural Mechanics in Reactor Technology held in Anaheim, California, USA from August 14 to 18, 1989

Professor Emeritus Y. Tsuboi and Prof. Y. Hangai attended 30 Anniversary Congress of International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures held in Madrid, Spain from September 11 to 15, 1989.

Prof. K. Ohi stayed at University of California at Berkeley, U.S.A. for one year until September 1989 as a visiting scholar hosted by Prof. S. A. Mahin, Chairman of Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Materials group. He studied with Prof. Mahin about plastic design methods for steel moment frames under existing seismic provisions in the US and Japan, and the results were pub-

lished as the EERC report.

Prof. K. Ohi attended and presented his papers at the two conferences held at San Francisco, U.S.A.: ASCE Structures Congress in May 1989 and 5th ICOSSAR in August 1989. Also, he attended at the annual meeting of EERI held at San Francisco in February 1989.

Prof. K. Ohi visited ATLSS at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, U.S.A. and NCEER at SUNY, Buffalo, U.S.A. in August 1989 to look at experimental research trends in the eastern area of the US. Prof. Le-Wu Lu at Lehigh, Prof. I. Buckle, Deputy Director of NCEER and Prof. A. Reinhorn at Buffalo kindly outlined their recent research activities on earthquake engineering.

Prof. K. Ohi, Prof. F. Yamazaki and Dr. Y. Nakano visited San Francisco Bay Area during November 3 to 13, 1989 in order to investigate the structural damages caused by the Loma Prieta earthquake on October 17, 1989.

"Yokohama International Conference on Urban Disaster Prevention" was held in Yokohama from July 18 to 23, 1989. The Conference was attended by approximately 1,100 participants including over 30 specialists from 11 overseas countries. Prof. T. Katayama had heavily committed himself as a Planning Committee member and acted as the coordinator of a Session dealing with "Communications & Response of Critical Systems during Disasters".

Prof. T. Katayama was invited to the NSF/EPRI Workshop on "Dynamic Soil Property and Site Characterization for Earthquake Resistant Design and Analysis" held in Palo Alto, California, USA, from November 8 to 11, 1989.

Prof. T. Katayama headed the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Team to investigate the effects of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake on urban structures and systems. The 20-member team stayed in the San Francisco Bay Area from November 26 to December 2, 1989. An official report (in Japanese) was published in March, 1990, from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

Dr. Fumio Yamazaki joined IIS, University of Tokyo as an Associate Professor. He had been a research engineer of Shimizu Corporation for the last eleven years. His major fields are stochastic engineering mechanics and earthquake engineering.

Prof. F. Yamazaki attended the 5th International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability (ICOSSAR) held in San Francisco, California during August 7-11, 1989. He also attended the 10th International Conference in Reactor Technology (SMiRT) held in Anaheim, California during August 14-18, 1989.

Professor Fumio Tatsuoka and Dr. Satoru Shibuya attended the 12th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and foundation engineering which was held in Rio de Janeiro during the period between 13 and 19 in August. After the conference (19-23 of August), Professor Tatsuoka made a visit to Hawaii Island to investigate the site where an astronomical observatory is planned to be built by University of Tokyo. Dr. Satoru Shibuya, on his way back, visited University College, London for a couple of days to promote the joint research. His visit to London, together with his attendance to the Conference in Rio de Janeiro was fully supported by TEPCO Research Foundation. On 27th of September, Professor Tatsuoka flew to Poland to take up a chairmanship of the Second International Workshop on Localization and Bifurcation of Granular Bodies which was held in Gdansk. On 2-3 of October, on his way back to Japan, he made a short visit to London to promote the joint research with University of London.