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Associate Professor Y. Nakano attended "INCEDE-NCEER Seminar on Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Strategies," during the period of February 2-6, 1996, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.

Associate Professor Y. Nakano attended the CEB TG3/5 meeting held in Zurich, Vienna and SCFT Colloquium on Earthquake Engineering held in Schaan, Principality of Liechtenstein, during the period of May 15-23, 1996.

Associate Professor Y. Nakano attended "The International Seminar on New Building Construction Technology for the 21st Century," held in Seoul, Korea, during the period of May 31-June 2, 1996.

Associate Professor Y. Nakano attended "11th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering," held in Acapulco, Mexico, during the period of June 22-30, 1996.

Professor J. Koseki attended IS-TOKYO '96, the Second International Conference on Ground Improvement Geosystems during May 14-17, 1996.

Professor J. Koseki visited Ecole National des Travaux Publics de l'Etat in Lyon, France, to study deformation characteristics of sand at extremely small strain during liquefaction process during September 6 - October 17, 1996.

Professor F. Tatsuoka gave the 1996-1997 Mercer Lecture titled "Geosynthetic-Reinforced Soil Retaining Walls as Important Permanent Structures" at EUROGEO 1, the First European Geosynthetics Conference held in Maastricht, Neitherland, during September 30 - October 2, 1996.

Professor F. Tatsuoka presented a special report titled "Performance of Reinforced Soil Structures during the 1995 Hyogo-ken Nanbu Earthquake" at IS-KYUSYU' 96, the International Symposium on Earth Reinforcement held in Fukuoka, Japan, during November 12-14, 1996.

Professor K.Takanashi, Associate Professor K.Ohi, Dr. X.G.Lin and Mr. S.J.Lee attended Eleventh World Conference on Earthquake Engineering at Acapulco, Mexico in June 1996 to present their papers.

Professor Y. Hangai visited Washington University in St. Louis and attended the signing ceremony for the academic exchange for cooperation between the Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo and the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Washington University on April 15, 1996.

Professor Y. Hangai participated in the Asia-Pacific Conference on Shell and Spatial structures held in Beijing from May 21 to 23, 1996 as an invited speaker. He presented a paper titled "Shape Analysis of Structures".

Professor Y. Hangai attended the 19th International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics held at Kyoto, Tokyo in August, 1996.

Professor Y. Hangai attended the Third Asian-Pacific Conference on Computational Mechanics held at Seoul, Korea in September, 1996.

Professor Y. Hangai participated in the International Symposium of IASS on Conceptual Design of structures October 7-11, 1996 held in Stuttgart and presented a paper on Homology Design-General Idea and Analytical Method.

Professor K. Kawaguchi and graduate student K. Ito visited Kobe district March 3-6 to investigate the damage to public sport buildings by the Hyogoken-Nanbu Earthquake on January 17, 1995.(joint program with Osaka City University and Fukui University researchers.)

Professor K. Kawaguchi participated in the Asia-Pacific Conference on Shell and Spatial structures held in Beijing from May 21 to 23, 1996. He presented a paper titled "Large Displacement Analysis for Structures Using Singular Value Decomposition". After the Symposium, he visited the Tenjing University as the invited lecturer.

Professor K. Kawaguchi participated in the Second International Conference on Mobile and Rapidly Assembled Structures held in Seville, Spain, from June 14 to 23, 1996. He presented a paper titled "Considerations for folding analysis of frame structures". After the Conference, he visited E. Pinero Foundation, Calasparra, Spain.

Professor K. Kawaguchi participated in the International Symposium of IASS on Conceptual Design of Structures October 7-11, 1996 held at Stuttgart University and presented a paper on Analytical Procedure for Folding of Membrane Structures.

Japan-UK Seismic Risk Forum and First Japan-UK Workshop on Implications of Recent Earthquakes on Seismic Risk were held at Imperial College, London, UK from April 2 to 4. The forum was coordinated by Prof. Elnashai of Imperial College and Prof. Takanashi of Chiba University. Professors F. Yamazaki, Y. Nakano and J. Koseki attended the forum and the workshop from the University of Tokyo.

Professor F. Yamazaki visited CERN, near Geneva, Switzerland and ISMES, Bergamo, Italy from May 6 to 12, 1996, as a research trip sponsored by Science and Technology Agency in order to investigate organizational issues of cooperative science parks.

Professor F. Yamazaki, Dr. H. Tong and two graduate students (T. Ganey and T. Winkler) attended the 11th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering held in Acapulco, Mexico from June 23 to 28, 1996 and presented technical papers in the conference. Prof. Yamazaki also made a short presentation on the Chiba Array of Institute of Industrial Science in a special theme session "Test Sites".

Professor F. Yamazaki attended the Hualien Consortium Workshop held in Taipei and Hualien, Taiwan from September 30 to October 3, 1996. The main topic of the workshop was the earthquake response analysis of the RC model structure. A newly built model tank structure in Hualien was also inspected by the consortium members. A future coordination, data dissemination and sharing results were discussed.

Mr. Osamu Murao joined Institute of Industrial Science as a research associate of Yamazaki Laboratory. His backgrounds are architecture, urban planning and disaster mitigation. Dr. Kazue Wakamatsu also joined Institute of Industrial Science as an adjunct research fellow of Yamazaki Laboratory. She is a distinguished researcher in the field of soil liquefaction.

Professors F. Yamazaki and K. Meguro attended the 5th US-Japan Workshop on Urban Earthquake Hazard Reduction held in Pasadena, California, USA from January 15 to 17. Prof. Yamazaki served as a co-chair of small group "lifelines" and Prof. Meguro as a co-chair of small group "built environment."

Prof. T. Katayama visited Copenhagen, Denmark to attend the 15th Congress of International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering with the period of June 18 to 21, 1996.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the fall meeting of Japan Seismological Society, September 1996.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the 50th anniversary of Building Research Institute of the Construction Ministry, October 1996.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the meeting to celebrate restructuring of Disaster Prevention Research Institute of the Kyoto University, November 1996, vice Professor Motoyuki Suzuki, Director of IIS.

Prof. K. Sudo and Mr. Dutta visited Hokkaido Development Bureau to investigate flood control system and reconstruction after the Toyohama Tunnel accident, December 1996.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the 8th session of the United Nations Scientific and Technical Committee of the IDNDR at Paris, January 1997.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the WHO Conference on Disaster Reduction at Kobe, January 1997.

Professor K. Meguro visited Kobe to investigate the reconstruction process after the Great Hanshin Earthquake several times in 1996.

Professor K. Meguro attended the Planning Meeting of the US-Japan Earthquake Mitigation Initiative during the period of March 28-31, 1996, San Francisco, USA.

Professor T. Katayama attended the High-Level Meetings of World Seismic Safety Initiative (WSSI) held in Singapore (March 28-30), Yangon, Myanmar (March 31-April 3) and in Hanoi, Vietnam (April 4-6). Professor K. Meguro joined HLMs held in Yangon and Hanoi.

Profs. T. Katayama and K. Meguro attended the 11th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering during the period of June 22-30, 1996, Acapulco, Mexico.

Prof. A.S. Herath and Mr. D. Dutta of INCEDE visited San Francisco to investigate Emergency System in California from January 14-17, 1997. After San Francisco visit, they flew to Los Angeles and joined the interview at OES and FEMA offices in Pasadena.

Profs. F. Yamazaki, A.S. Herath and K. Meguro and Mr. D. Dutta visited to NCEER, SUNY at Buffalo and DRC, University of Delaware to exchange information on the activities of Center-to-Center project between INCEDE and NCEER on Post Earthquake Reconstruction Strategy from January 18-24, 1997

Prof. Konagai, K. attended the National Symposium on the Great Hanshin Earthquake of 1995, Tokyo, Japan Soc., Civil Engineers, Tokyo, Jan.25-26.

Professor Konagai, K. and Mr. Matsushima, T. attended the 7th International Symposium on Landslide (ISL96), Trondheim, Norway, June 17-21.

Professor Konagai, K. attended the 11th World Conf., Earthquake Engineering, Acapulco, Mexico, June 23-28.

Professor Konagai, K., Mr. Mikami, A., Mr. Katagiri, T., Mr. Luo, X., Mr. Matsushima, T., Mr. Uemura, O. attended the 51st Annual Convention of JSCE, Nagoya, Sep. 19-21.

Mr. Mikami, A. made a official trip to University of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A., Oct.31 - Nov.25, to discuss reconstruction and restoration strategies after earthquake. This trip was supported by a grant from the Center to Center Project between INCEDE and NCEER.

Professor Konagai, K. attended the 1st Colloquium on Seismic Isolation and Response Control, Tokyo, JSCE, Dec. 5 - 6.

Professor Suzuki, M., Director, IIS, Univ. of Tokyo, Professor Watanabe, T., Head of International Relations Office, IIS, Univ. of Tokyo and Professor Konagai, K. visited Dalian University of Technology, China, Jan.31-Feb.5 to extend the "Agreement of Research Cooperation (Academic Exchange) between the Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo and Dalian Institute of Technology" for another period of five years.

Mr. Mikami, A., Mr. Katagiri, T., Mr. Kim, D., Mr. Takimoto, M. and Mr. Uemura, O. visited Hachinohe, Aomori Prefecture, Feb.14-15 to follow up the restoring activities in that city after the Sanriku-Haruka-Oki Earthquake of 1994.

Mr. LARSEN Jan Otto, Senior Engineer, Norwegian Geotechnical Institute, visited Konagai Laboratory, Nov. 23 - Dec. 8 to exchange information regarding earthquake induced landslides. Mr. Larsen, together with Dr. Takeuchi, Y., Head of Landslides Laboratory, Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Professor Konagai, K. made a trip to some landslide observation sites in Niigata Prefecture during his stay in Japan.