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Professors F. Yamazaki and K. Meguro attended the second US-Japan Workshop on Cooperative Research for Mitigation of Urban Earthquake Disasters, held in Tokyo from February 27 to March 1, 1997.

Professor F. Yamazaki attended the 14th International Conference on Structural Mechanics in Reactor Technology (SMiRT), held in Ryon, France from August 18 to 22, 1997 and presented a technical paper in the conference. Prof. Yamazaki also served as an animator in a special theme session "Hualien SSI Experiment".

Professor F. Yamazaki attended the First Earthquakes and Megacities Workshop, held in Seeheim, Germany from September 1 to 3, 1997. He delivered a talk on "Earthquake Preparedness Measures for Tokyo Metropolitan Area".

Professors F. Yamazaki, A. S. Herath and K. Meguro attended the Center-to-Center (INCEDE and NCEER) Project Workshop on Post Earthquake Reconstruction Strategies, held in Wilmington, Delaware, USA from September 18 to 20, 1997. The workshop was hosted by Professors J. Nigg and K. Tierney of Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware.

Professor F. Yamazaki attended the US-Japan Workshop on Computational Stochastic Mechanics, held in Kyoto from November 22 to 23, 1997. The workshop was chaired by Prof. J. Kanda of University of Tokyo and Prof. Y. K. Wen of University of Illinois.

Professors F. Yamazaki and K. Meguro attended the International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability (ICOSSAR), held in Kyoto from November 25 to 28, 1997.

Professor F. Yamazaki attended the US-Japan Workshop on Mitigation of Near-Field Earthquake Damage in Urban Areas, held in Honolulu, Hawaii from January 5 to 7, 1998. The workshop was sponsored by JSPS and NSF and co-chaired by Prof. K. Toki of Kyoto University and Prof. W. Iwan of California Institute of Technology.

The Earthquake Disaster Mitigation Research Center (EDM) was established in Miki City, Hyogo Prefecture on January, 1998. The center aims to promote advanced researches on earthquake disaster mitigation sponsored by Science and Technology Agency. Professor H. Kameda of Kyoto University became the director of the center. Professor F. Yamazaki was appointed a team leader of the center together with Prof. T. Kubo of Nagoya Institute of Technology and Prof. H. Hayashi of Kyoto University. Detailed information is available at the homepage: <http://www.miki.riken.go.jp>

Professor F. Yamazaki attended the US-Japan Workshop on Development of Advanced Technologies to Mitigate Earthquake Disaster, held at Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University from February 20 to 21, 1998. The workshop was co-chaired by Prof. K. Irikura of Kyoto University and Prof. M. Shinozuka of University of Southern California.

Professor F. Yamazaki attended the Asia-Pacific Workshop on Research Coalition for Urban Earthquake Disaster Mitigation, held at the Earthquake Disaster Mitigation Research Center, Miki, Hyogo Prefecture from March 9 to 10, 1998. The workshop was sponsored by the Science and Technology Agency and the Institute of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN).

Professor Takanashi retired from the University of Tokyo in March 1997, and he received an honorary status as Professor Emeritus from the University of Tokyo. He continues his research and educational activities at Chiba University. Commemorating his retirement from the University of Tokyo, an international symposium on "Steel Structural Design Method Based on Quantifiable Limit States of Connections" was held in Tokyo on December 9, 1997. Professor C. W. Roeder from the University of Washington, USA, Professor R. Zandonini from Trento University, Italy, Professor Carlos A. Zavala from Peru National University of Engineering, Peru, Professor J.S. Kim from Kyeonggil University, Korea, and Professor Y. Chen from Tongji University, China, attended this symposium as invited speakers. About 200 Japanese scholars and engineers participated the symposium and they exchanged information on recent steel structural researches.

Professor K. Ohi and Graduate Student Mr. Z.Y. Fu attended the 5th International Colloquium on Stability and Ductility of Steel Structures (SDSS'97) held in Nagoya in July 1997, and presented their papers.

Professor K. Ohi attended the 2nd International Conference on Behavior of Steel Structures in Seismic Areas (Stessa'97) held in Kyoto in August 1997, and presented his paper.

Professor K. Ohi and Ms. H. Sun of JCD Co., Ltd. attended the 7th International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability (ICOSSAR'97) held in Kyoto in November 1997, and presented their paper.

Professor K. Ohi, Research Associate Dr. X.G. Lin, Technical Associate Mr. H. Kondo, and Graduate Student Mr. S.J. Lee visited Kyeonggil University, Korea, in October 1997, and Prof. K. Ohi gave a lecture in the Annual Professional Lecture organized by Taegu-Kyeongpook branch of the Architectural Institute of Korea.

Professor Y. Nakano attended the Second US-Japan Workshop on "Cooperative Research for Mitigation of Urban Earthquake Disasters", held at the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center, Tokyo, Japan, from February 27 to March 1, 1997.

Professor Y. Nakano attended the ESNS seminar on "New Building Construction for the 21th Century", held at Kwangwoon University, Seoul, Korea, from February 4 to 8, 1998.

Professor J. Koseki attended 3rd Asian Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference held in Singapore, May 14-16, 1997 as a national nominee.

Professor Konagai, K. attended the US National Symposium, "Geo Logan '97", sponsored by the Geoinstitute of the ASCE, Logan, Utah, USA, July 16-17, 1997.

Professor Konagai, K. visited Dalian University of Technology, China, to give a special lecture of recent advances in earthquake engineering, Oct. 9-13, 1997.

Professor Kong, X., Dalian University of Technology, visited Konagai Laboratory, Oct.23 - Oct.28 to exchange information regarding shake table tests.

Mr. Zhu, T., Assistant Prof., Dalian University of Technology, visited Konagai Laboratory, Nov. 23-Dec.

18, and was involved in the research for developing a method to simulate soil-structure interaction effect in shake table tests. Mr. Zhu, together with Prof. Konagai made trips to Penta-Ocean Construction Institute of Technology, Tochigi, and to Port and Harbor Research Institute, Kanagawa, during his stay.

Mr. Escandari G. Morteza, Lecturer at both Tehran Univ. and Mazandaran Univ. is having a 6 months' stay (Feb. 12, 1998 - Aug. 12, 1998) at Konagai Laboratory for a collaborative research of Dynamic Soil-Structure Interaction analysis.

Professor K. Kawaguchi participated in the International Symposium of IASS, Nov. 10-14, 1997 held at Singapore and presented a paper on experiments and construction of truss structure stabilized by cable tension.

Professor K. Kawaguchi visited Bratislava and Levice, Slovakia in October, 1997 and held a lecture on prestressed truss structures at Levice.

Professor K. Kawaguchi and K. Ohi visited Yamanashi prefecture on January 29th to investigate three school gymnasiums collapsed by heavy snow fall in January.

Professor Y. Hangai attended the colloquium on computation of shell and spatial structures held in Taipei, during November 5-7, 1997 and delivered a speech about Shape Analysis in the Design of Spatial Structures as one of the keynote speakers.

Professor Y. Hangai attended the international symposium on shell and spatial structures, design, construction, performance and economics held in Singapore during November 10-14, 1997.

Dr. S,B,S. Abayakoon, Senior Lecturer of Peradeniya University visited INCEDE as a visiting researcher of IIS sponsored by Foundation for Promotion of Industrial Science. Dr. Abayakoon stayed at INCEDE for eleven months, from January to November, to collect information on earthquake disasters and mitigation activities in Japan and exchange information on research activities.

Professor K. Meguro attended the Memorial Conference in Kobe II, held at Kobe, Japan, on February 23 and 24, 1997.

Professor K. Meguro attended the International Symposium on Real-time Earthquake Disaster Prevention during the period of March 17-18, 1997, Yokohama, Japan.

Professor K. Meguro attended "Symposium on Risk Management and Mitigation for Natural Hazards" during the period of April 24-28, 1997, San Francisco, USA.

Professor K. Meguro visited Birjand in Iran for damage investigation due to the Qayen earthquake, May 10, as a member of Japanese reconnaissance team sponsored by Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, during June 16-30, 1997.

Professor K. Meguro visited Bandung, Indonesia, to give lectures at the course "International Advanced Course on Earthquake Disaster Prevention for Building Engineers," August 18 to September 1, 1997.

Professor K. Meguro visited Kampala, Uganda, to attend and give lectures at the High Level Meeting of World Seismic Safety Initiative, November 29 to December 5, 1997.

Professors A. S. Herath and K. Meguro and Mr. D. Dutta of INCEDE visited Bangkok, Thailand, to hold "International Symposium on Information Technology Tools for Natural Disaster Risk Management" in corporation with Asean Center for Research on Remote Sensing, AIT, February 2-8, 1997.

Professors K. Sudo, A. S. Herath and K. Meguro and Mr. D. Dutta of INCEDE attended the discussion meeting of INCEDE-NCEER C-to-C Project, March 1-5, 1997, Maui, Hawaii.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the Symposium "Risk Management and Mitigation Natural Hazards" held in San Francisco from April 25 to 26, 1997. In the Symposium 20 papers from USA and other countries were read. The Symposium was followed by the 8th World Seismic Safety Initiative(WSSI) Board Meeting. The Board reviewed the past 6-month activities and chart the forthcoming 6-month one, in particular, endowed professorship by WSSI.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the 24th JSCE Earthquake Engineering Symposium held in Kobe from July 24 to 26, 1997.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the VIII Pacific Science Inter-congress held in Fiji from July 13 to 19, 1997. The special session for Disaster reduction was attended by 30 people from the Pacific and Asian countries. Sudo read a paper on Collaborative activities of INCEDE, UNU and WSSI as Follow-up Learning Lessons from the Kobe Earthquake of 1995.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the fall meeting of Japan Seismological Society held in Hirosaki city from September 24 to 26, 1997. Sudo presented a paper on earthquake insurance. The paper was read together with a graduate-student.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the 253th Annual Meeting of Japan Geological Survey held in Tsukuba city on October 24, 1997. The meeting discussed our expectation to new structure on Geological Survey Japan in the field of earthquake prediction.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the 12th Symposium for Commemoration of Yukawa Foundation on Theoretical Physics held in Nishinomiya city from November 13 to 14, 1997. Sudo and his two graduate students attended the Symposium to get information on new mathematical technology in the field of wave analysis.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the Lecture on Earthquake Disaster Mitigation Technology held at Construction Technology Training Center in Kodaira city on November 25, 1997. Sudo made 3-hour lecture.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the 7th International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability held in Kyoto from November 24 to 28, 1997.

Prof. K. Sudo attended WSSI High Level Meeting held in Uganda from December 1 to 2, 1997. As a Board member of WSSI, Sudo made two presentations to encourage Uganda people toward earthquake disaster reduction.

Prof. K. Sudo attended NCEER-INCEDE Center-to-Center workshop on Lifelines held in Delaware from December 8 to 9, 1997. As a Japanese Coordinator, Sudo made presentation about the progress of C-to-C project.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the Committee for Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation in Asia held in Kyoto on February 14, 1998. Sudo participated in planning meeting for drafting over-all programme in this field.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the Memorial Conference in Kobe III held on February 21, 1998.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the Round Table Meeting of Disaster Oriented Research Centers attached to Universities held in Kyoto from February 25 to 26, 1998.

Prof. K. Sudo attended Asia-Pacific Workshop on Research Coalition for Urban Earthquake Disaster Management held in Miki city of Hyogo prefecture from March 9 to 11, 1998. Sudo made presentation on the progress of 3-year C-to-C project by INCEDE and NCEER.

Prof. K. Sudo attended the RADIUS project meeting in Tashkent from March 30 to April 3, 1998. Sudo joined meetings for over-all implementation plan in Tashkent for RADIUS.