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Professor J. Koseki attended the Workshop on Experimental Micromechanics for Geomaterials held in Hong Kong, China, 23-24 May 2013.

Professor J. Koseki made a keynote lecture at the International Symposium on Design and Practice of Geosynthetic-Reinforced Soil Structures held in Bologna, Italy, 14-16 October 2013.

Professor J. Koseki has been appointed by International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering to serve for four years as a chair of the technical committee (TC101) on laboratory stress strength testing of geomaterials.

Professor Y. Nakano, Dr. H. Choi, Dr. K. Matsukawa, Mr. KW. Jin, Mr. CR. Quan, Mr. HK. Lee, Mr. Y. Yang, Mr. S. Shalayding, Mr. M. Itakura, Mr. JK. Song, Mr. D. Paul, and Mr. I. Mihaylov visited Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures, Japan affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011, during the period of July 24 to 29 to investigate their recovery from damage.

Dr. H. Choi attended the 1st China-Japan-Korea Workshop on Structural Assessment and Health Monitoring held in Seoul, Korea, during the period of August 6 to 7, and presented "Feasibility Study on Seismic Response Estimation of Damaged R/C Buildings based on Observation Data and Numerical Analyses".

Dr. H. Choi, Dr. K. Matsukawa, and Mr. CR. Quan attended the 9th International Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety of Mega Cities in Asia held in Hanoi, Vietnam, during the period of October 9 to 11. Dr. H. Choi presented "Response Characteristics of R/C Buildings Considering Impulsive Force of Tsunami Drifting Objects". Dr. K. Matsukawa presented "Practical Evaluation Method of Collapse Limit Displacement based on Seismic Damage of Structural Members". Mr. CR. Quan presented "Residual Seismic Capacity Evaluation of RC Frame with Weak-beams based on Energy Absorption Capacity", respectively.

Dr. H. Choi visited Padang, Indonesia, and measured the ambient vibration of a typical RC building to investigate the structural characteristics of RC buildings at Padang city, during the period of November 11 to 13.

Dr. H. Choi attended the 15th Korea-Japan-Taiwan Joint Seminar of Earthquake Engineering for

Building Structures held in Taipei, Taiwan, during the period of November 28 to 29, and presented "Estimation of Shear Strength of Infilled URM Wall based on Diagonal Strut Mechanism".

Professor K. Meguro visited Kathmandu, Nepal from 3 to 9 January, 2013 to supervise his JSPS RONPAKU (PhD dissertation) fellow. He was also invited many disaster-related organizations to give lectures in Kathmandu. He visited Japanese Embassy and JICA Nepal office to meet to meet Japanese Ambassador and the chairperson of the office to discuss potential risk of disaster in Nepal and Japanese proper contribution for disaster reduction.

Professor K. Meguro and Mr. Masayuki Watanabe visited Jakarta and Padang from 11 to 14 April, 2013 to discuss the project of promotion of seismic retrofit of masonry houses by the PP-band retrofit method with important persons in Indonesia. They met Minister of economy, Mayor of Padang, Vice-Governor of West Sumatra state, so on.

Professor K. Meguro was invited to Beijing from 17 to 19 April, 2013 to participate in the First International Advisory Board Meeting of the Center for Public Safety Research, Tsinghua University, China.

Dr. M. Numada joined the international conference on earthquake engineering (SE-50EEE) held from 29 to 31 May 2013 in Skopje, Macedonia.

Dr. M. Numada visited New York, USA to present his research for the 11th International Conference on Structural Safety & Reliability (ICOSSAR) held from June 16-20, 2013 at Columbia University.

Prof. K. Meguro and Dr. M. Numada visited Hanoi, Vietnam from 7 to 12 October, 2013 with other ICUS members to hold and attend the 12th International Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety of Mega Cities in Asia (12USMCA). From their research group, totally 6 papers were presented.

Prof. K. Meguro has published one book and 109 technical papers including conference papers in 2013. Among them, 38 papers were written in English and are listed in this volume. TV, Radio, and Newspapers have introduced and reported his various research topics and results 10 times in academic year of 2013. He has given special lectures as an invited lecturer 51 times by Japanese organizations and 6 times by overseas and international organizations.

Professor R. Kuwano, together with a graduate student of Kuwano laboratory, attended International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering held in Paris, France,

in 2– 5 September 2013.

Professor R. Kuwano, together with graduate students of Kuwano laboratory, attended the 12th International Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety of Mega Cities in Asia held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in 8 - 11 October 2013.

Professor R. Kuwano visited Yangon Technology University, Myanmar, on 29-30 January 2014 to give a lecture on infrastructure management.

Associate Professors T. Kiyota received Young Scientists' Prize from Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan on 14 April 2013.

Associate Professors T. Kiyota received Best Paper Award from Japanese Geotechnical Society for the paper “Breaching failure of a huge landslide dam formed by the 2005 Kashmir earthquake” on 13 June 2013.

Associate Professor T. Kiyota made survey trip to Kashmir area in Pakistan affected by the 2005 Pakistan Kashmir Earthquake, 4 – 11 October 2013.

Associate Professors T. Kiyota and Mr. X. Han, PhD student, received Best Paper Award from GEOMATE International Society for the paper “Particle size and other factors affecting the pullout behavior of Geocells embedded in gravelly soil backfill” on 14 November 2013.

Associate Professor T. Kiyota attended New Zealand-Japan Workshop on Soil Liquefaction during Recent Large-Scale Earthquakes, Auckland, 2-3 December 2013.

Associate Professor M. Ohara attended 12th International Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety of Mega Cities in Asia (12USMCA) in Hanoi, Vietnam from 7 to 12 October, 2013. Mr. T. Ikenaga, an undergraduate student from her laboratory received an award for young researchers at this symposium.

Associate Professor M. Ohara visited Thailand and conducted a questionnaire survey on disaster information dissemination system in rural area from February 24 to May 1, 2014.