

## News

Associate Professor T. Kiyota and his colleagues conducted damage surveys after the Mid Mexico Earthquake, 16-19 October 2017.

Associate Professor T. Kiyota and his colleagues conducted geological survey trips to Pokhara in Nepal affected by sinkhole damage, 11-18 May and 22-28 November 2017.

Associate Professor T. Kiyota and his colleagues conducted damage surveys after the Hualien Earthquake, Taiwan, 5-6 March 2018.

The fifth SATREPS (Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development) on project for “Technical Development to Upgrade Structural Integrity of Buildings in Densely Populated Urban Areas and its Strategic Implementation towards Resilient Cities” was organized by Professor Yoshiaki Nakano and Mr. Mohammad Abu Sadeque (Director of Housing and Building Research Institute, Bangladesh) in cooperation with the JICA BSPP project and held at Dhaka on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Professor Yoshiaki Nakano was invited to “Seminar on Improvement of seismic performance for safer residential houses in Myanmar” and presented “Seismic Evaluation and Rehabilitation of Vulnerable RC Buildings – Experiences and Lessons in Japan –”, on 2018 February 23.

Professor Yoshiaki Nakano was invited to “International Workshop on Post-earthquake Seismic Performance Assessment and Retrofit Technology” and presented “An Overview of Damaging Earthquake, Seismic Code, Evaluation and Rehabilitation in Japan” at National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering, Taipei, Taiwan, on 2018 March 2.

Prof. Kawaguchi and Dr. Nakaso received a certificate of appreciation from a chief of Otsuki police station for giving the expert opinion regarding the ceiling collapse occurred in Sasago tunnel in Yamanashi on Dec. 2, 2012.

Prof. Kawaguchi was invited the 7th Study Group on interdisciplinary fusion in material mechanics and gave a plenary lecture “Interdisciplinary fusion experienced in architecture” at Head Office of ITOCHU Techno-Solutions Corporation, Japan, on Mar.

23, 2018.

Prof. Kawaguchi was invited to the Imperial College Alumni Global Seminar and gave a plenary lecture “Unknown danger above your head” at IIS, the University of Toyo, Japan, on Nov. 18, 2017.

Prof. Kawaguchi participated in the Seminar on Shell and Spatial Structures 2017 as a moderator at Architectural, the University of Toyo, Japan, on Nov. 8, 2017.

Prof. Kawaguchi was invited to the 9th International Symposium on Steel Structures and gave a plenary lecture “Development of Prestressed Lightweight Steel Frames: Tensegrity skeletons and tension truss system” at Jeju Oriental Hotel, Korea, on Nov. 3, 2017.

Prof. Kawaguchi was invited to the Structural Membranes 2017 and gave a key note lecture “Membrane material for life safety in disasters” at Technical University of Munich, Germany, on Oct. 9, 2017.

Prof. Kawaguchi attended the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures 2017 and gave a presentation “Design and construction of a tensegrity tower and a pentagonal skeleton supporting a membrane roof” at Hafencity University, Germany, on Sep. 28, 2017.

Prof. Kawaguchi was invited to the SEWC Colloquium 2016 and gave a key note lecture “Prestressed Shell Assembled with Commercially Available Panels” at NIMHAMS Convention Center, Bangalore, India, on July. 14, 2017.