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## Greetings to All Readers

*By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE*

Dear Readers of IISEE Newsletter, I wish you, your families and colleagues a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May we see IISEE enforcing the training program forward in 2017, too.

Last year, a severe disaster has taken place in Kumamoto, Japan due to an earthquake of magnitude 7.0 (Mw). Next day Ecuador has suffered death toll over 670 during its own one of magnitude 7.8 (Mw). Those of magnitude over 6 have caused victims in Italy, Taiwan, Indonesia, and North-East India. Tanzania in East Africa has been jolted also by a smaller event of magnitude 5.9 (Mw) and victims were counted.

We would like to express our deep sympathy with the people in the affected area. These catastrophes made us reconfirm the necessity to keep IISEE's high mission through our training courses for mitigating earthquake disasters and for making people living in the earthquake-prone countries more safely and peacefully. As of the beginning of 2017 we have 1,751 colleagues in 100 countries.

We keep on our activities to facilitate the communication and information exchange with the readers of the News Letter, the ex-participants and other people working in the field of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering. Please pay attention to the notices provided in the News Letter. Finally, I would like to add a word of grateful acknowledgment to you all for your kindness and attention to IISEE again.



Dr. Yokoi, Director of IISEE (center) with Maklad from Egypt (left) and Amilcar from Nicaragua (right)

## The 22<sup>nd</sup> The Global Seismological Observation Training Course has started

*By Mr. Yoshihiro Iitake, Head of IISEE Administration Division*

The Global Seismological Observation Training Course has started on Tuesday, January 17th 2017.

18 participants from the following 14 countries are participating in this training course: Egypt (2), Honduras, Indonesia (2), Iran (2), Malawi, Myanmar (2),

## Earthquakes

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

Reports of Recent Earthquakes

Utsu Catalog

Earthquake Catalog

## Call for Papers

IISEE Bulletin is now accepting submissions of papers for the seismology, earthquake engineering, and tsunami. Developing countries are targeted, but are not limited.

Your original papers will be reviewed by the editorial members and some experts.

NO submission fee is need.

Try to challenge!!



Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Zimbabwe.



Dr. Sakamoto, President of BRI

The opening ceremony was held at the BRI Hall. In the ceremony, we had a special guest, Mr. Naobumi YOKOTA, Principal Deputy-Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)

After the guest's addresses, Dr. Yuzo Sakamoto, President of BRI and Mr. Katsuhiko Haga, Director General of JICA Tsukuba made

their welcome speeches.

Finally, as the representative of the participants, Mr. Patrick Rafiki CHINDANDALI From Malawi gave an address.



Mr. Patrick Rafiki CHINDANDALI From Malawi

Although the course period is short, we hope that they will be actively engaged in the training program and take good memories to their home.

The Global Seismological Observation Training Course has the special aim to develop human resources having acquired the skills necessary for detecting nuclear tests applying seismological knowledge. This training program is carried out by the support and cooperation of CTBTO, MOFA, JICA, Japan Meteorological Agency and other organizations. 22 years have passed since the course has started from 1995.



## The 11th Asian Seismological Commission (ASC) General Assembly

*By Dr. Tatsuhiko Hara, Chief Research Scientist, IISEE*

The IISEE Director, Dr. Yokoi and I attended the 11th Asian Seismological Commission (ASC) General Assembly, which was held during the 25th and 27th November, 2016 in Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Yokoi is a Bureau member of the ASC as a representative from the Seismological Society of Japan. He gave a presentation entitled "Kumamoto Earthquakes Japan, 16 April 2016. Ground motion and damage" as an invited speaker.



Dr. Yokoi, Director of IISEE

I gave presentation entitled "Training courses of International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, Building Research Institute in the fields of Seismology, Earthquake Engineering, and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation", and the authors are the IISEE research staff members.

We are glad to report that the ex-participant, Esline Galaebiti, from Vanuatu has become a new Bureau member of the ASC. We were glad to see some ex-participants, to learn their activities, and the expectations for participations to the IISEE training courses.



Enjoy, Now

## Contact Us

The IISEE Newsletter is intended to act as a go-between for IISEE and ex-participants.

We encourage you to contribute a report and an article to this newsletter. Please let us know your current activities in your countries.

We also welcome your co-workers and friends to register our mailing list.

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## Deadline for IAG-IASPEI Joint Scientific Assembly

*By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE*

The deadline for the mentioned assembly is set at Feb. 8. This meeting is mainly for Seismology and Geodesy, but a few sessions are for Engineering Seismology and Seismic Hazard and Risk, e.g., IASPEI Symposium S07 entitled "Strong ground motions and earthquake hazard and risk".

Please check WEB of the assembly: <http://www.iag-iaspei-2017.jp/index.html>  
Financing System is also prepared for the presenters (<http://www.iag-iaspei-2017.jp/financial.html>).

Please try to show your research results in Kobe.

## IISEE Training Schedule in 2017

### **★Seismology, Earthquake Engineering and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Courses**

January 4 (Wed)	Resumption of the Lectures
February 7 (Tue)	International Friendship Party and General Meeting
*April 17 (Mon)-21 (Fri)	Study Tour to Kansai Area
May 31 (Wed)	General Meeting
June 1 (Thu) - September 1 (Fri)	Individual Study
July 14 (Fri), 18 (Tue)	Interim Presentation
August 17 (Thu)-18 (Fri)	Final Presentation
*Beginning of September	Courtesy Call to the MLIT Minister (one-day)
*Beginning of September	General Meeting
September 13 (Wed)	IISEE Closing Ceremony
September 14 (Thu)	GRIPS Graduation Ceremony

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### ★*Global Seismological Observation Course*

January 17(Tue)

February 1(Wed)-3(Sat)

February 7(Tue)

March 10(Fri)

Opening Ceremony

Study Tour to Kansai Area

International Friendship Party

Closing Ceremony

**\*Tentative schedule**

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