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## Latin American Earthquake Engineering Course for Group of Building Engineers closed

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

On Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, the participants of a group of building engineers in the Latin American Earthquake Engineering course presented their action plan for their own country just as the other group, the government officials in charge of construction engineering who left prior to them has done last month. IISEE held a farewell party as their training in Japan has been completed. They seemed to be relaxed with eating sweets and snacks in genial mood. Afterword, they attended new lectures and structural tests in El Salvador from July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup>.

A total number of participants of Latin American Earthquake Engineering Course which started in 2014 so far reached 69 from 9 countries in Latin America.

In Dominican Republic, ex-participants of IISEE played a central part in conducting the review of quake-resistance standards to apply the updated knowledge. Since they requested the support, JICA and Building Research Institute has given the support as a part of follow-up of the training course, the Latin American Earthquake Engineering.

We, IISEE, will continue providing training to reduce a possible damage of future earthquakes in Latin America in cooperation with JICA.



Fairwell Party

## Earthquakes

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

Reports of Recent Earthquakes

Utsu Catalog

Earthquake Catalog

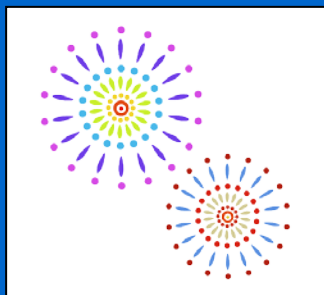
## Call for Papers

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!!



## Visit to Institute of Earthquake Engineering (IEM), China

*By Dr. Toshihide KASHIMA, Senior Research Scientist of IISEE*

The Institute of Earthquake Engineering (IEM), China Earthquake Administration, is a research and educational institution on earthquake engineering representative in China. This time, an ex-participant from IEM invited me to give lectures on strong motion observation and related topics to researchers and students of IEM. I thought it was a good opportunity to introduce trends of research on earthquake engineering in Japan to the people who work in a field of the topic in China, so I visited IEM and gave lectures for two days. In addition, I could meet six ex-participants at IEM and deepened our old friendship.



The Lecture at IEM

## Study trip to Hiroshima and Nara

*By Mr. Sajadur RAHMAN*



On June 27th and 28<sup>th</sup>, the trip was conducted for 8 E-course participants to Hiroshima and Nara to observe the devastation of atomic bomb, seismic retrofitting of World Heritage site and restration work.

On the first day of the visit was to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, the Atomic Bomb Dome which is World Heritage and Miyajima Island. We observed the memory of devastation, the strengthening work that had been done of the heavily damaged atomic bomb dome without altering the view and the challenges of seismic retrofitting. Then we visited the Itsukushima shrine in Miyajima Island which looks like floating during high tide.



Enjoy, Now

On the next day, we visited Todaiji Temple in Nara to observe the restoration work. The restoration work was not visible from the hall.

Finally, I would like to appreciate the effort for arranging this trip to give us such invaluable learning.



The Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima

## 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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## On Certificate of English Proficiency for Application to IISEE's One Year Training Courses

*By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Director of IISEE*

As we have mentioned on previous newsletter No. 138, (<http://iisee.kenken.go.jp/nldb/?action=letter&id=174>) IISEE's one-year training course nominees must have a competent command of spoken and written English with a minimum test score of TOEFL PBT 500, TOEFL iBT 79, IELTS Academic 6.0 within two years up to the deadline of application or you will be able to get waiver request\* if you fulfill the certain conditions.

### \*Waiver Request

- Official documents issued by the educational institution you attended certifying that your undergraduate or graduate education was conducted in English, can be equivalent to the certificate of above mentioned exams.
- Applicants who have completed or expect to complete an undergraduate or a graduate degree at an accredited institution located in the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or Ireland will be automatically exempted from submitting an English test score.

Upon qualification by GRIPS, preparation in advance is highly recommended.

Here are several suggestions:

- Getting a textbook in your country.
- Taking preparation classes in your country.
- Practicing online exams.

Examples:

- 【IELTS】 <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare-test/free-practice-tests>
- 【TOEFL】 <https://www.4tests.com/toefl#StartExam>