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Twelve Persons from Nine Countries Join the Global Seismological Observation Training Course for Two Months

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

Global Seismology Observation course started on Jan 16th has closed on Mar 8th Friday. The Graduation ceremony was held in JICA Tsukuba, Mr. Taguchi, Principal Deputy-Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan sent a congratulatory address. All 12 participants from Egypt, India, Iran, Pakistan, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Tonga, and Tuvalu received the certificate from Mr. Takahashi, Director general of JICA Tsukuba and Dr. Midorikawa, the president of BRI. Ms. Shima from Egypt made an address by the representative of participants in response.

The training period was about two months, but in the training program, participants acquired knowledge of the CTBTO regime and the role of seismology in the International Monitoring System (IMS). They also study global seismological observation technologies for monitoring nuclear tests and earthquakes and acquire data analytical techniques to discriminate nuclear tests from natural earthquakes.

I hope participants spread their knowledge which got in Japan to their country.

I'm looking forward to their success.



Mr. Kazuho TAGUCHI,
Principal Deputy-Director,
Arms Control and Disarmament Division,
Disarmament,
Non-Proliferation and Science Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



Dr. Midorikawa,
the president of BRI.



Mr. Takahashi,
Director general of JICA Tsukuba

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.

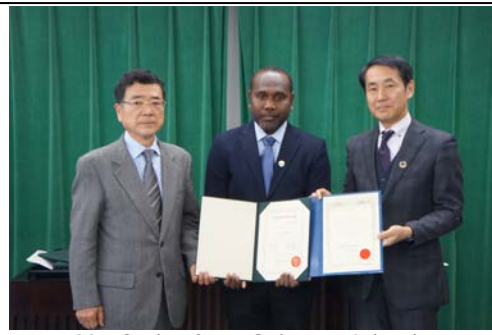
Your original papers will be reviewed by the editorial members and some experts.

NO submission fee is needed.

Try to challenge!!



Enjoy, Now



Mr. Carlos from Solomon Islands



Mr. Max from Tuvalu

Address in reply on behalf of all the Participants of the Global Seismological Observation Course

By Shaimaa Ali Mamoun KHER from Egypt

Kon-nichiwa,
Mr. Kazuho TAGUCHI, Principal Deputy-Director,
Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Disarmament,
Non-Proliferation and Science Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Dr. Mitsumasa Midorikawa, President of BRI,
Mr. Masayuki Takakhashi, Director General of JICA –Tsukuba center
Respected Sensei, distinguished guests, fellow participants, ladies and gentlemen.

Watashiwa Shaimaa desu.
Konnichiwa. Egypt kara kimashita.
Dozo yoroshiku onegaishimasu.
I am much honored today to speak on behalf of the 2018-Global Seismological Observation course participants, who had just completed their training.

I am also glad to have this opportunity to express our feelings and grateful sense to all of you.

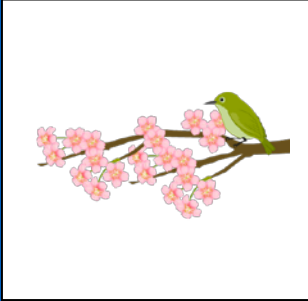
Although we are coming from different countries, speaking different languages, different cultures, different religions,..... but.. we managed to be united, succeed in becoming friends and could find the ways to contact and understand each other.

The past two months were very special, fruitful and wonderful for us. These two months of training consisted of excellent lectures and interesting subjects delivered by BRI, IISEE professors, experts from JMA, JWA and CTBTO. All of these useful lectures improved our knowledge and broadened our views of monitoring technology applicable to discriminate nuclear explosions and earthquakes. I am confident that we all have achieved the main objective of this course.

I would like to express here that we really get impressed a lot of Japanese lifestyle, as we saw the safe and very clean country, the hard working attitude of the people, everything very well organized and all



Ms. Shaimaa Ali Mamoun KHER from Egypt



obey the rules in every step. I have the honor to mention that we, in Egypt recently introduced an experiment for Japanese school to educate small kids the acting, learning and behave in a manner like Japanese. Oh, it's time to say good bye.

We all are excited to go back homes tomorrow to our family and loved ones. But, honestly, there is some sadness in our hearts to leave this beautiful country, the most helpful and kind people, leaving our friends from different countries. It is hard to imagine that we are travelling tomorrow without Sakuma-san and Hiko-san to be sure that we are well safe and onboard in the proper time of our flights.

We are sincerely grateful for the Japanese Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), JICA, IISEE and BRI for your warm welcome, continuous caring for comfortable living in Japan. We all thank you for allowing us to participate in the course and to have the opportunity to share the experiences with our families and friends. We gained a lot from such experience like new friendships, huge platform for seismology, respecting the difference ones..... and the only thing that I lost was weight and it is also another benefit for me.

Finally, we wish this country and its friendly people to remain safe and pleased forever, and also the world in peace and harmony with a nuclear-free environment.

Actually I think 3 or 5 minutes are not enough for expressing our feelings and experiences here.....

So, Doumo Arigatou Gozaimashita.

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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Visit the U.S.

By Dr. Takumi Hayashida, Senior Research Scientist, IISEE

Building Research Institute has a long-term researcher dispatch program that makes it possible for young researchers to conduct studies at foreign universities or research institutes. This time I have been selected as the dispatch researcher and I will study at University of California, Berkeley (UCB) in the United States from April 1, 2019 to

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January 31, 2020. UCB has many seismologist and various leading-edge studies from fundamental studies to practical applications are conducted. There are many earthquakes both in Japan and the West Coast of the U.S., but research approaches and utilizing methods of seismic data seem to be somewhat different, so that I would like to learn advanced technologies and have deeper discussions with many researchers on my research topics. I'm really looking forward to my visit, but on the other hand I'm worried about new environment and different culture (I wonder if IISEE participants may have the same feelings before moving to Japan...). I'm afraid that I will not able to contribute to the IISEE mission during my visit to the U.S., but I really would like to make use of my new knowledge, experience and ideas to IISEE training course after returning to Japan. Please drop in when you happen to be in the neighborhood during my visit.



Dr. Hayashida (left) and Participants of Global Seismological Observation course