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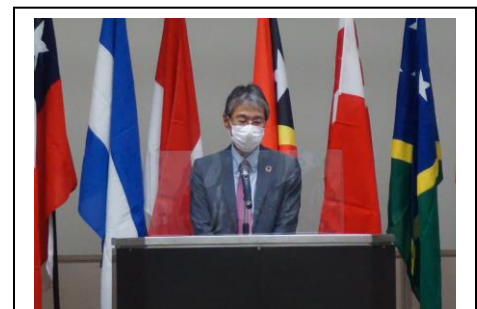
By Mr. Takahiro Yamada, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

On Sep 14, we had a closing ceremony of the training courses in Seismology, Earthquake Engineering, and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation, which started on Oct 2, last year.

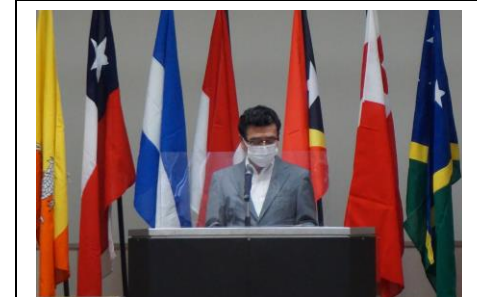
15 participants from 10 countries (Bangladesh(2)[online(1)], Bhutan(2), Chile(1), El Salvador(2), Indonesia(2), Malaysia(2), Philippines(1), Tonga(1)[online], Timor-Leste(1), and Solomon Islands(1)[online] joined the training course. In the ceremony, the representative of participants received a certificate of completion and Post Graduate Diplomas. After that, all the participants were awarded.

During the training period, the participants were divided into three courses, Seismology, Earthquake Engineering, and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation, and have attended specialized lectures considering their field. They summarized the research and solutions for the problems in their countries.

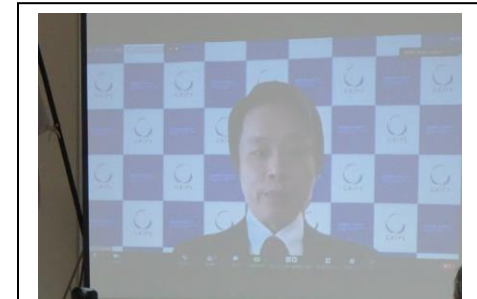
In the closing ceremony, the Director of Disaster Management Policy Program of GRIPS, Mr. Sugahara, who joined remotely, announced 3 participants of the best research award. Dr. Azuhata, the director of IISEE, announced 3 participants of the IISEE award.



Mr. Takeshi WATANABE,
Deputy Director General, Tsukuba
Center, JICA



Dr. Mitsumasa MIDORIKAWA,
President of BRI



Mr. Masaru SUGAHARA,
Director of Disaster
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Lastly, Mr. Joel from Philippines made an address in reply to congratulatory speeches.
We wish their success in their country using the knowledge from this training course and the network of the people.



Presentation of Certificate
Mr. DA SILVA ALMEIDA Geovanio Pedro from Timor-Leste. S course



Presentation of Diploma
Ms. SUAIB Syuhaida Binti from Malaysia, E course



Best Research Award
Mr. ROSID Abdul from Indonesia, S course



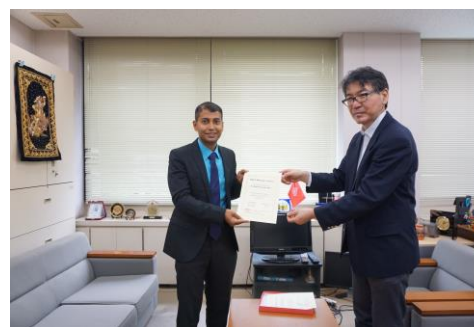
Best Research Award
Mr. SAADUN Mohd Assyarul Bin from Malaysia, E course



Best Research Award
Mr. PULIDO IPARRAGUIRRE Geronimo from Chile, T course



IISEE Director's Award
Ms. NEPAL Nityam from Bhutan, S course



IISEE Director's Award
Mr. DEY Bidhan Chandra from Bangladesh, E course



IISEE Director's Award
Ms. SINKI Kian Purma from Indonesia, T course

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!!



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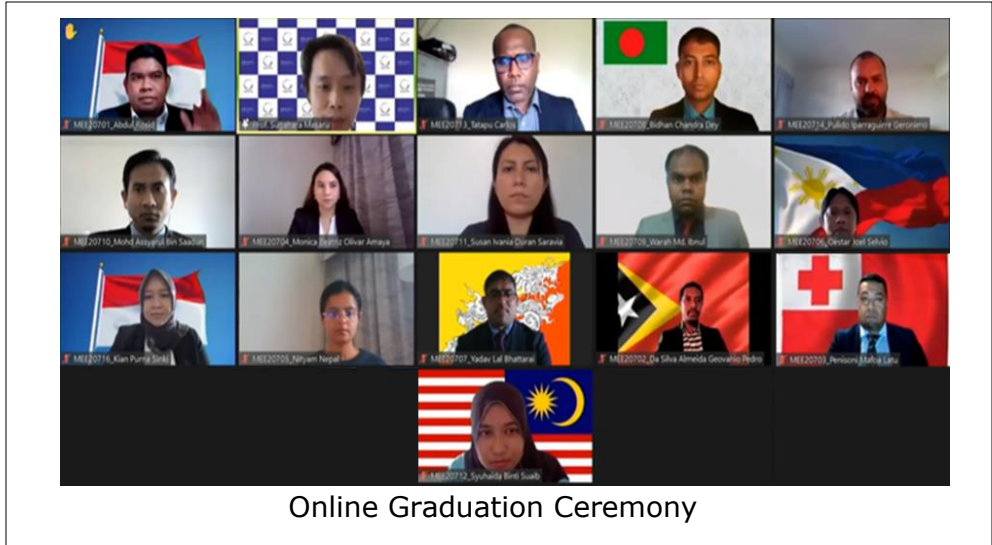
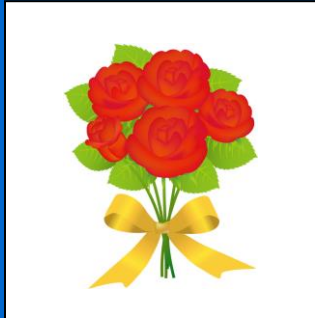
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With the collaboration of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), IISEE participants are awarded the degrees of Master of Disaster Management when they complete a one-year training course.

As well as last year, GRIPS conducted an online ceremony due to the infection control measures.

On Sep 15, fifteen of the IISEE participants who have joined the training course remotely attended the graduation ceremony held at GRIPS.

In closing the 2020-2021 IISEE training course, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the people involved for their cooperation. Thank you very much.



Online Graduation Ceremony

Address in Reply on Behalf of All the Participants By Mr. OESTAR Joel (Philippines), S-course

Today, I am privileged and honored to speak on behalf of the Master's Degree Program participants in Seismology, Earthquake Engineering, and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation for the Academic Year 2020-2021 under the sponsorship of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). For almost two years, since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world, we were restrained from doing everything we used to do. After months of studies and sacrificing so much to get this far, we are finally reaping the fruits of our hard work.



Mr. OESTAR Joel

I have often wanted to quit, but I am equally happy that I chose to persist amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and temptation to give up. I am very sure that God saw my heart and potentially paving the way for this momentous day. I have been blessed with an 11-months scholarship program, but I struggled to balance my family and studies. Challenges appeared before I accept the scholarship program. Despite broken promises and disappointments faced, I stood strong and aimed at finishing the 11-months academic plan of the program in the IISEE-BRI. Despite studies, emotional and financial worries, I persisted. I spent sleepless nights preparing for my reports and examinations, determined not to waste the 11 months I endured to finish. Though I am blessed



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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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with this scholarship, I encountered several difficulties from downloading the data, low internet connection in my home country. Yet, I again persisted. All extra hours, sleepless nights, and early mornings have finally paid off. Congratulations to me and my co-participants. Over the months, we were saying that we want a normal life back. Cheers to us! We are now excited to be with our family and to go back to our home country.

To my classmates, thank you for the memories and motivation to finish this course. I hope this will not be our last time to see and help each other.

Thank you for your knowledge and patience amidst the COVID-19 pandemics and for embracing the new normal education to all the sensei's lecturers and staff.

To JICA, IISEE-BRI, and GRIPS, thank you for the support and invaluable coordination in making this course a success. Indeed, it was a great help to us as an individual and for our home country. I hope this will inspire other scholars to do always their best not only for their benefit but also for their country.

To my supervisor, Hayashida-sensei, thank you for the inspiration, understanding, and patience. Thank you for believing in me. I am very much willing to inspire others, just like how you inspired me.

Before I finish these closing words, as a Seismology course participant, please see the PowerPoint attached.

1. We must always remember and do our work with:



2. So that, we can make our communities safe



3. But always put "H" first



"To be successful, the first thing to do is fall in love with your work."
Sister Mary Lauretta

"Only small things with great love."
Mother Tresa

Courtesy Call on the MLIT Minister

By Mr. Takahiro Yamada Head of Administration Division, IISEE

On Sep 8, IISEE participants made a courtesy call on Mr. Kazuyoshi Akaba, the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism.

All 15 participants from 10 countries joined remotely to prevent infection spread.

The breakdown is Bangladesh(2), Bhutan(2), Chile(1), El Salvador(2), Indonesia(2), Malaysia(2), Philippines(1), Tonga(1), Timor-Leste(1), and Solomon Islands(1) .

Minister Akaba introduced his ideas of earthquake disaster management measures in Japan based on the self-experience of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.

He encouraged the participants to use what the participants have learned in this training to advance and improve disaster management measures in their home countries furthermore in the world ,and work as a bridge for exchanges with Japan in the future.

Representing IISEE participants, Ms. OLIVAR AMAYA Monica Beatriz from El Salvador, expressed her gratitude for support to developing countries through the venerable IISEE training course, and a valuable and forgettable year they could spend under the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

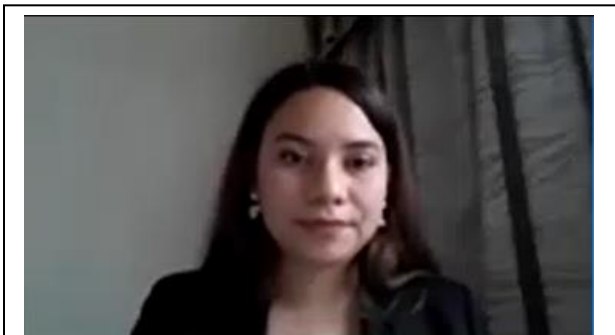
She stated that all the participants will use the knowledge from this training program and keep passion for disaster risk reduction to prove the greatness of what they had learned in this program.

Finally, this year's courtesy call became a full remote courtesy for the first time.

At the end ,they took a group photo with the fist pump pose expressing their intention to defeat COVID-19.



Mr. Kazuyoshi AKABA,
The Minister of Land, Infrastructure,
Transport, and Tourism



Ms. OLIVAR AMAYA Monica Beatriz
from El Salvador. S course

I hope this opportunity of the courtesy call encourages them to take important roles for the future of their home counties.

URL of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism :

<https://www.mlit.go.jp/en/kokusai/0000039.html>

URL of Building Research Institute :

<https://www.kenken.go.jp/english/award/20210910.html>

