



Topics from the EAJ newsletter are listed up.

If you like to know further on particular topics, please contact EAJ Secretariat.

1. Lecture Meeting organized by the Hokkaido-Tohoku Branch

A lecture meeting organized by the Hokkaido-Tohoku Branch was held on the afternoon of 17 July 2015 at Hokkaido University with about 25 attendees. Prof. Takeshi Kishinami facilitated the meeting. Greetings by Prof. Hiroyuki Abe, Vice President of the EAJ were followed by two lectures. First, Prof. Tsutomu Sato, Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University gave a talk on "Proposal of Engineering Education from Geological Perspective." He presented his basic idea of disposal of radioactive waste and gave a clear-cut explanation based on geological facts why geological disposal would be the optimum choice for Japan on the mobile belt. Then, Prof. Tsuyoshi Setoguchi, Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University, gave a talk on "A Simulation Technique for Urban Design to Reduce Impact of Wind and Snow in Snowy Cold Region" illustrating a project.

2. The 1st Komiyama International Symposium on Ecology and Engineering

The 1st Komiyama International Symposium on Ecology and Engineering was held on 2 August 2015 in a small local town called Kamikatsu in Tokushima Prefecture, Shikoku District. In addition to the attendee with a variety of background, one attendee was invited from Thailand. The town has a population of 2000 people and more than a half of them are senior. Having overcome issues of ageing, depopulation and devastated tangerine orchard, the main business of the town, the town succeeded in "Irodori Business," which wholesales leaves and branches used as garnish in restaurants. Main players of this business are elder women in the town. By proactively introducing IT in the business before Internet penetration, the revenues exceed 0.2 billion Yen. This success of business also helped to reduce healthcare spending and people moving into nursing homes. The symposium attendees discussed how to make the town attractive also for younger generations. The Komiyama International Symposium shall be the place to act.

3. New EAJ Members

Hiroshi Amano, Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya University

Koichi Fujie, Professor, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Yokohama National University

Susumu Kaminaga, Senior Adviser, Sumitomo Precision Products Co., Ltd.

Kohji Michioku, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Hosei University

Tetsuya Mishima, General Manager, Maeda Corporation

Tomohide Niimi, Professor and Dean, Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya University

Hirotsugu Takizawa, Professor and Dean, Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University