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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<b>Your Name:</b> Ching Hung	<b>Your Organization:</b> Columbia University in the City of New York, U.S.A.	<b>Date of report:</b> September 30th, 2012
<b>Conference Title:</b> The Seventh Asian Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference (7AYGEC), "Tradition and Evolution in Geotechnics"	<b>Location of Conference:</b> The University of Tokushima, Japan	<b>Dates of Conference:</b> September 12-14th, 2012
<b>What you learned:</b>		
<p>At the conference I have successfully integrated and presented my research with both the well-known and notable researchers in the geotechnical field and those top rising young geotechnical engineers from across the world. Moreover, I have been active in making many meaningful exchanges in idea and deep conversations among most of the participants which may have incited a few potential joint researches and collaborations in the near future.</p> <p>I have also learned a great deal in how to make an excellent oral presentation among top researchers. In addition, by attending all of the state-of-the-art designs and research presentations, I have also better sharpened and cultivated myself on what I could improve for the purpose of contributing a greater advancement of the profession in the geotechnical society.</p> <p>From another perspective, the conference was very beneficial to me because it has been immediately helpful to broaden and deepen my world as a student. For example, I was able to see more clear of the geotechnical society, and to make friends with all participants as well as many famous scholars in social activities which encouraged interaction in a less academic environment. This kind of opportunity is not very often for me when I lack this chance to participate this conference.</p>		
<b>People you met:</b>		
<p>Prof. Ryosuke Uzuoka (Chairman of the 7AYGEC, Univ. of Tokushima, Japan);          Prof. Mitsu Okamura (Vice President of the 7AYGEC, Ehime Univ., Japan);          Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov (Vice President for Asia of ISSMGE, Eurasian National Univ., Kazakhstan);          Dr. Toru Sueoka (President of the Japanese Geotechnical Society);          Prof. Ikuo Towhata (Chief Editor of ISSMGE Bulletin, Appointed member of ISSMGE, Univ. of Tokyo, Japan);          Dr. Minoru Yamanaka (Kagawa Univ., Japan);          Dr. Yoichi Watabe (General Secretary of Japanese Geotechnical Society, Port and Airport Research Institute, Japan);</p>		



Prof. Netra Prakash Bhandary (Ehime Univ., Japan);  
Prof. Taro Uchimura (Univ. of Tokyo, Japan);  
Prof. Albert Ho (Associate Director of ARUP, Hong Kong, China);  
Prof. Hideaki Yasuhara (Ehime Univ., Japan);  
Prof. Kuo-Hsin Yang (NTUST, Taiwan);  
Dr. Ruta Ireng Wicaksono (St. M.Eng, City Development Planning Agency, Indonesia);  
Dr. Eric Sze (G.M. HKIE, Hong Kong);  
Dr. Kazunori Fujisawa (Senior Lecturer, Okayama Univ., Japan);  
Uteпов Yelbek (Ph.D. Student, Eurasian National Univ., Kazakhstan);  
Shahmov Zhanbolat (Ph.D. Student, Eurasian National Univ., Kazakhstan);  
Razel Ramilo (Senior Geotechnical Engineer, GHD, New Zealand);  
Michelle Lew Geok Theng (Associate Director, Kiso-Jiban Consultants Co LTD, Singapore);  
Yuan-Tu Wang (Engineer, MAA, Taiwan);  
Chao-Wen Wang (Ph.D. Student, NTUST, Taiwan);  
Among Others;

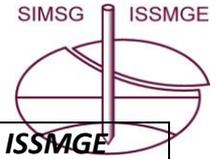
***Main features of conference:***

The main theme of 7AYGEC is "Tradition and Evolution in Geotechnics". The conference features: laboratory testing, site investigation/field testing, foundations, ground improvement, seismicity and mitigation, numerical and analytical modelling, tunnelling, rock mechanics, and geo-environments.

In addition, the conference also provides a great opportunity for young geotechnical engineers to successfully demonstrate leadership, build network, and exchange beneficial knowledge among others and famous scholars.

***Your comments on the conference:***

Participation of the 7AYGEC requires a nomination from Asian National Geotechnical Society, thus most of the presentations were exciting, creative, and beneficial. Given by the fact that most of the participants were still at the rising stage (below the age of 35 years old), the connection that participants built there was expected and would be proved to be long lasting and significant in the near future.



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**Bulletin:**

The Seventh Asian Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference (7AYGEC), "Tradition and Evolution in Geotechnics", was a very successful and unique experience. The conference was held at Tokushima Prefecture, the eastern side of the island of Shikoku. There were more than 50 young participants nominated by 16 societies of Albania, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, USA and Vietnam. This superior diversity of the participant pool has provided an excellent networking opportunity between young geotechnical engineers, world class experts, and those famous and leading scholars in the field.

As a young geotechnical engineer and student, this was a brilliant way for me to make contacts with leading and rising scholars in the geotechnical engineering society. I deeply appreciated the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) for providing me with this great opportunity to demonstrate leadership, build network, exchange beneficial knowledge, and promote ISSMGE internationally in the conference.

In short, I strongly believe that the benefits of attending this conference are not limited to the time spent during the conference, but more decisively will be the strong connections that were built and bounded during the time I spent with all young rising participants, world class experts, and established scholars.

Finally, I have to express my sincere gratitude to Prof. Hoe I. Ling (Columbia Univ., U.S.A.) for his valuable support, encouragement, and guidance, without which the current study would not have been accomplished. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov (Eurasian National Univ., Kazakhstan), Prof. Victor N. Kaliakin (Univ. of Delaware, U.S.A.), and Prof. Jianhong Jiang (Soochow Univ., China; formerly Ph.D. student at Columbia Univ.) for their valuable supports and suggestions in this study.

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**Photographs from Conference:** Insert here or attach to email

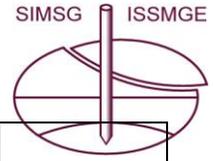


Fig. 1. Left to right: Shahmov Zhanbolat (Ph.D. student, Eurasian National Univ., Kazakhstan), Ching Hung (Ph.D. candidate, Columbia Univ., U.S.A.), Prof. Zhussupbekov Askar (Vice President for Asia of ISSMGE, Eurasian National Univ., Kazakhstan), Utepov Yelbek (Ph.D. student, Eurasian National Univ., Kazakhstan) on September 12, 2012.



Fig. 2. Ching Hung (Ph.D. candidate, Columbia Univ., U.S.A.) giving his talk entitled "Implementation of an Enhanced Elastoplastic Bounding Surface Model in PLAXIS" during the section of soil property and modelling (TS2) with about 100 participants. This photo was taken on September 12, 2012.