

CONFERENCE NEWS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE GEOTEC HANOI 2011 "Geotechnics for Sustainable Development", in Hanoi, 6th-7th October 2011

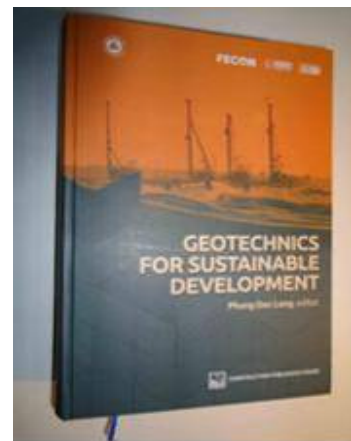
Geotec Hanoi 2011, an international conference on Geotechnics for Sustainable Development" was organized by FECOM Foundation Engineering & Underground Construction JSC, one of the leading geotechnical contractors in Vietnam, in cooperation with Vietnamese Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (VSSMGE), and with Civil Engineering-Mechanics-Material Association, France, in Hanoi for two days of 6th and 7th October 2011. The conference attracted 450 attendees from 24 countries. At the conference 110 papers were published, among which 60 papers/lectures were presented.

The conference had six main themes: 1) Soft soil improvement and reinforcement, 2) Foundation engineering, 3) Tunneling and underground spaces, 4) Environmental geotechnics and sustainable development, 5) Geotechnical modeling, design and monitoring, and 6) Geotechnical case histories. The six sessions were held in parallel in two conference halls.

Among the conference high-lights were the six keynote lectures given by six well-known geotechnical experts in the world:

- Keynote lecture 1: "Soil improvement by preloading and vertical drainage" given by Professor Sven Hansbo (Sweden);
- Keynote lecture 2: "The design of high-rise building foundations" given by Professor Harry Poulos (Australia);
- Keynote lecture 3: "Tunneling in soft ground and urban environment" given by Professor Alain Guilloux (France);
- Keynote lecture 4: "Current facts concerning efforts to improve the global environment and commitments by the construction industry in Japan" given by Dr. Hiroshi Yoshida (Japan);
- Keynote lecture 5: "New horizons in numerical analysis for geotechnical engineering" given by Professor Pieter Vermeer (the Netherlands);
- Keynote lecture 6: "Characteristics of liquefaction-induced damage in the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake" given by Professor Kenji Ishihara (Japan).

The conference proceeding, which has an international registration number ISBN 978 604 82 000 8, was very well edited with international high-quality printing and hard cover. The proceeding consists of 996 pages and includes 110 papers, all written in English, which were divided into six sessions. A CD Rom is also provided, including all the papers in pdf files with color figures/photos. The proceeding can be ordered through the conference website. Contacts address is; Conference website: <http://www.geotechn2011.vn> and mail contact: secretariat@geotechn2011.vn; phung.long@gmail.com.



The conference proceeding

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Conference photographs are shown in what follows.



Figure 01. Dr. Phung Duc Long, VSSMGE vice-president and chairman of conference scientific committee, opened the conference.



Figure 02. Mr. Pham Viet Khoa, FECON President and chairman of the conference, made a welcome speech.



Figure 03. Part view of the audience.



Figure 04. Part view of the audience.

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Figure 05. Keynote lecture by Prof. Sven Hansbo (Sweden).



Figure 06. Keynote lecture by Prof. Kenji Ishihara (Japan).



Figure 07. Keynote lecture by Prof. Harry Poulos (Australia).



Figure 08. Keynote lecture by Prof. Pieter Vermeer (Netherlands).



Figure 09. Keynote lecture by Dr. Hiroshi Yoshida (Japan).



Figure 10. Keynote lecture by Prof. Alain Guilloux (France).

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Figure 11. Prof. Nguyen Ba Ke, Chairman of FECON's scientific committee, closed the conference.



Figure 12. Keynote lecture speakers and conference organizers, from right to left: Mr. Pham Viet Khoa, conference chairman, Dr. Phung Duc Long, chairman of conference scientific committee, Prof. Alain Guilloux, Prof. Harry Poulos, Prof. Sven Hansbo, Prof. Kenji Ishihara, Prof. Pieter Vermeer, and Prof. Nguyen Truong Tien, conference co-chairman.

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Figure 13. Handling attendance certificates to selected attendees.



Figure 14. A memorable picture: conference organizers and special guests.

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Figure 15. Gala dinner - A toast for the conference success from the organizers, from right to left: Mr. Bui Nguyen Hoang, conference co-chairman, Prof. Nguyen Truong Tien, conference co-chairman, Dr. Phung Duc Long, chairman of conference scientific committee, and Mr. Pham Viet Khoa, conference chairman.



Figure 16. Gala dinner - Special guests.

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Fig. 17. Post-conference tour to Ha Long Bay, Prof. Sven Hansbo enjoyed the tour.

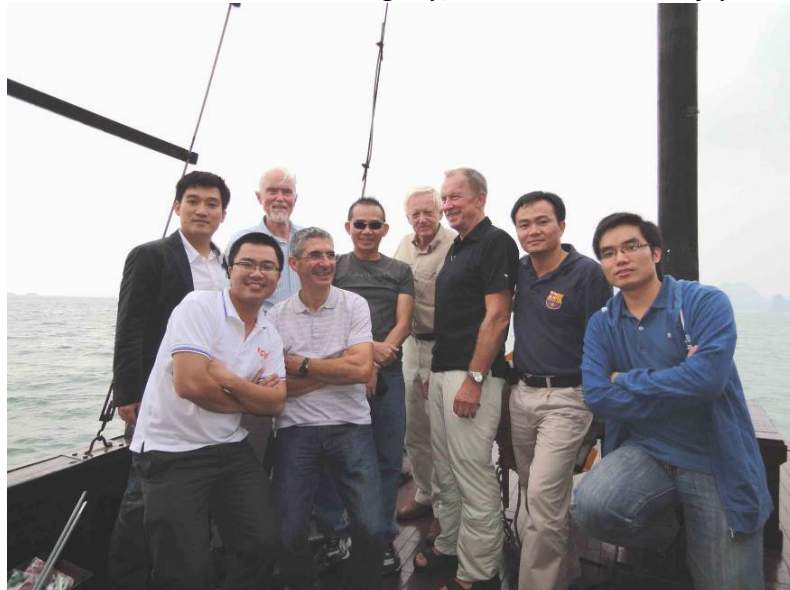


Fig. 18. Post-conference tour to Ha Long Bay.