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**REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

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<td><strong>Conference Title:</strong></td>
<td>7th Asia-Pacific Conference on Unsaturated Soils, AP-UNSAT 2019</td>
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<td>Nagoya, Japan</td>
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**What you learned:**  
The conference included numerous expert speakers covering different aspects of unsaturated soil mechanics. The main focus of the conference was to provide an easy access bridge between the theoretical researches and the practical applications related to unsaturated soils. I came across many researchers and got to know about the recent studies, and laboratory investigation of the subject. Being a PhD student working in the field of unsaturated soil mechanics it was indeed useful to meet experts and professors who are working in the area. Sharing of my research work with them was encouraging, and suggestions from the experts are going to help me in my work.

**People you met:**  
Feng ZHANG, Professor of Nagoya Institute of Technology, Japan  
Yuji KOHGO, Professor of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan  
Yuji TAKESHITA, Professor of Okayama University, Japan  
Hiromasa IWAI, Assistant Professor of Nagoya Institute of Technology, Japan  
Harianto Rahardjo, Professor of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

**Main features of conference:**  
AP-UNSAT 2019 was organized by Professor Feng ZHANG in Nagoya, Japan in support of TC 106 Unsaturated Soils of ISSMGE and hosted by the Japanese Geotechnical Society. The conference AP-UNSAT 2019 held at Nagoya Congress Centre, Nagoya, Japan for 4 days including one day technical tour. Days started with the keynote presentations and also parallel sessions with broad areas of unsaturated soil mechanics: Fundamental soil behaviour, New equipment and testing methods, Modelling, Geotechnical engineering problems, Energy and environmental issues. Every session/lecture of the conference was well planned and all the technical sessions were highly productive for the participants. The research articles presented in different parallel sessions were peer-reviewed.

**Your comments on the conference:**  
For me attending the conference internationally is always a great experience towards my research life. It provides me a huge platform to meet and to interact with the expertise and various researchers from the specialization worldwide. To present my research work during the conference in front of expertise and to have discussion on the topic with young researchers was the great learning experience. The keynote lectures from various speakers and parallel sessions by various researchers were highly knowledgeable. It was a nice learning experience all the time during conference. I would like to acknowledge the ISSMGE Foundation for supporting me in attending this conference.
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I would like to acknowledge the ISSMGE foundation for providing me this award for attending and presenting my research work in the conference of core area of Unsaturated soil mechanics, AP-UNSAT 2019 at Nagoya, Japan during 23-25 August 2019. The conference provided the opportunity to young researchers and academicians to enhance network in between and to exchange experiences of practical challenges in the real-world problems related to the core area. All keynote lectures were presented in different area of unsaturated soil mechanics. I got a chance to discuss with Prof Harianto Rahardjo, Professor of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and also made a collaborative work in the field problem on the topic of stabilization of unsaturated soil using plastic waste. The whole conference was a useful, informative and inspiring experience for me. I am very much grateful to ISSMGE foundation to give me the financial assistance to attain this prestigious conference.

Photograph from Conference:

Discussion with Prof Harianto Rahardjo during coffee break