

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Albert T. Yeung

While we are looking forward to our next meetings in Korea, I would take this opportunity to thank IEB again for their excellent arrangements for our last meetings. From the organization of meetings, the technical seminar and the site visit, the quality of arrangement was beyond our expectation, in particular when Bangladesh was still under potential political threats. While our host spent an extraordinary effort to protect the personal safety of all participants, they still managed to let us to have a glimpse of Dhaka. My hat off to IEB.

Speaking of the ACECC, it is not only an organization of civil engineering societies. It is also the meeting points of civil engineering professionals to develop new technologies for the benefits of mankind. For example, I am working with Mr. Brian O'Donnell of Engineers Australia on the use of biological enzyme for pavement stabilization. Our professional relationship and friendship started at the ACECC. Brian was the Local Organizing Committee Chair of CECAR 5 held in Sydney in 2010 and the Chair of the ACECC Planning Committee 2007-2010 while I was on the ACECC delegation of ASCE. I visited Melbourne, Australia in June 2015 to attend the Inaugural Board Meeting of the Centre for Pavement Excellence Asia-Pacific as a board member of the Centre. The Centre was established to coordinate research to develop a better understanding of various soil characteristics and their relation to stabilize additives and the performance of such additives under traffic loadings and to climatic conditions. Other board members include Mr. Paul Mitchell, Chair of the ACECC Executive Committee 2007-2010, and staff members of the Korea Institute of Civil Engineering and Building Technology. Needless to say, the connection with Korea is also through the ACECC. With ACECC as our starting point, I hope the collaboration will flourish and the results will benefit many, in particular the ACECC economies. Moreover, I hope similar collaborations can be established in the future through the ACECC network.

In July 2015, I traveled to Kochi, Japan to attend the 8th IPA Press-in Engineering Seminar in Kochi 2015 and the 3rd International Seminar for Research Works organized by the International Press-in Association. Among these events, I met friends from Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and Japan. I took the opportunity to invite the International Press-in Association to take an active role in CECAR 7 to introduce the press-in technology to the ACECC community. The press-in technology is an

environmentally friendly method to install different types of piles for different purposes so as to eliminate the noise, vibration and air pollution problems associated with pile driving.

I am currently in California and have the opportunity to work closely with Udai on CECAR 7 to prepare the progress report to be presented in Korea in October 2015. I would also take this opportunity to invite all of you and your colleagues to submit abstracts for the conference to disseminate your knowledge to the ACECC community.

In addition to the preparation of our Korea meetings, Kenichi and I are also working diligently on our participation of the World Engineering Conference and Convention 2015 organized by the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) to be held in Kyoto, Japan at the end of November 2015. The ACECC has been a member of the WFEO for years but this is the first time we will have representatives attending the General Assembly, Executive Council and Committee meetings of the WFEO.

I hope you all are enjoying your summer wherever you are. In the meantime, I look forward to meeting you all in Korea in October 2015.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CECAR 7 ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Udai P. Singh

The CECAR 7 conference steering committee's activities are in full swing now. Here is an update.

### **Conference Website**

A new website ([www.cec7.org](http://www.cec7.org)) was constructed and launched recently. Please take a look. We are adding more conference information on it as we get it. Please pass on your suggestions and feedback on the website to me or any ASCE delegate to ACECC.

### **Workshops**

Three workshops on August 30 are scheduled. A full day sustainability-related workshop, and two half-day workshops on engineering ethics and natural disaster planning and management will be offered.

### **Call for Abstracts**

The Call for Abstracts went out globally in April. Abstracts are due by October 23, and we have already started receiving some from several countries both within and outside of ACECC membership. Each ACECC member society is requested to publish the Call for Abstracts in their own publications and elsewhere in their country. The ACECC Secretariat has sent the Call for Abstracts to all member societies for their use in publicizing the conference and soliciting abstracts. The abstracts will be reviewed by members of the International Scientific Committee and the Conference Steering Committee in October and November. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of the papers by the end of November.

### **Technical Sessions**

I am working with the TCC Chair to schedule sessions being organized by the ACECC Technical Committees. We have received a few session proposals and accepted them. Some committees who had promised sessions have not yet submitted details of their sessions to the TCC Chair. The TCs should submit their sessions to the TCC Chair as soon as possible before space for the sessions fill out. We are still accepting special technical sessions organized by member societies, and need the details of the session before accepting them. Please submit your proposed session and details to me as soon as possible before the program is finalized. Other technical sessions in the

program will be formed from accepted abstracts from those submitted through the Call for Abstracts.

## **Plenary Sessions**

The opening plenary session will be on August 31 morning. In addition, plenary sessions will be held on the morning of September 1 and 2. The closing plenary session will take place at noon on September 2. For the opening plenary, US Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard from Hawaii has agreed to give the welcome address. For the closing plenary, we have confirmed a dynamic motivational speaker, Annabel Chotzen, from Hawaii who will give a presentation titled "Put Your Dreams to Work". It will tie in the motivational aspects with those related to our professional work and will invigorate and inspire the attendees before they return home. Annabel's presentation will be followed by the closing ceremony. There will be six technical keynote speakers in the plenaries, two on each morning. Final selection of technical keynote speakers, mostly from outside USA, is being made and invitations will go out shortly.

## **Presidential Session**

A session with presentations from and discussions with the Presidents of member societies of ACECC is scheduled on August 31 morning after the opening plenary session. We will be inviting the Presidents soon. We hope to have another ACECC protocol signed by the Presidents at this session.

## **Technical Tours**

Five technical tours are being finalized. Approximately three tours will be offered on each day on the afternoon of August 30 and September 2. Prior reservation to join the tours is required at the time of registration. There is limited availability on the numbers of people who can take the tours. Please remembers this when registration for the conference opens.

## **Exhibitors and Sponsors**

We are seeking exhibitors and sponsors from all member societies; these will contribute to our conference finances by their payment of the exhibit or sponsorship fee. In addition, each member society will have a complimentary exhibit table. Please contact any ASCE delegate to help bring in sponsors and exhibitors.

## **Social Activities**

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A tourist agency will be made available to offer social (local tourist attraction) tours on the island. Attendees will need to work directly with the agency to go on social tours. Lunch will be provided at the conference on August 31 and September 1. The awards dinner is scheduled outdoors at the hotel (Hilton Hawaiian Village) grounds on the evening of September 1.

## **Budget**

The conference budget is being finalized by ASCE. It will be presented at the upcoming ECM in Gunsan, S. Korea for approval. We hope to have conference registration fees similar to those at the last CECAR.

Please check for more updates on the conference website in the coming weeks and months, and contact me or any ASCE delegate at ACECC with questions and suggestions. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Potenciano A. Leoncio, Jr.

Are ACECC's Vision and Mission sustainable?

Given the more than 15 years that the Council has been in existence, at least with regards to the holding of the triennial CECAR, it would likely to remain just that – waiting every 3 years to meet and discuss what is the present normal in the civil engineering profession and the construction industry; what may be expected in the near future; and in a less dramatic way – what may have been missed in the past.

Every year, three years not even, critical variables are being added to the sustainability equation that determines the organizational continuity of the Council, and eventually the crucial question of its viability as a coordinating body.

As it aspires to be the Asian Region's major forum in harmonizing the various civil engineering practices hopefully through its members, much work would have to be done, as much is expected from the Council if it desires to achieve its mission and attain its vision.

To cite a few: (i) The regular changes (every year or two) in the leadership of member-societies have resulted in new representatives to the Executive Committee (EC), the Planning Committee(PC), and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). This had created new start-up situations every now and then and have affected the decision-making process for crafting policies and planning strategies in the committees. (ii) The triennial change of focal point in management and operations to the subsequent CECAR hosts whose leadership maybe uninitiated at the time of hosting award also introduces uncertainties in the profitability of the Conference.(iii) During the intervening three years between CECARs, the decision-making process is practically at the discretion of the CECAR Host Society whose representatives in the Council may be virtually new, if not unfamiliar with ACECC's activities, much less its experiences in previous CECARs.

These circumstances are influenced by notions similar to the algebraic principle that, for everyone unknown, one equation is needed to solve the problem; and the more unknowns there are, the more equations are needed. In addition to this natural law condition, every three years the state-of-affairs, and more importantly the decision-thinking-making process is slowed-down, if not compromised.

In the recent ACECC meetings in Honolulu, Tokyo and Dhaka, half-day technical seminars were conducted on the second day to share the experiences of the host-society to the participating delegates. These are very laudable undertakings, but only if the delegates would take the opportunity to learn from them. Sadly, not a few do not avail of these rare opportunities. The technical tours conducted on on-going projects during the meetings in Busan and Dhaka were quite educational as well. They left wonderful experiences and lasting memories on the delegates, especially the younger ones.

The standard welcome receptions and farewell dinners are amenities which promote closer friendship in the international gathering. Coinciding the ACECC meetings with the host society's annual convention or anniversary celebration also enhances the ties and bonds of friendship between the delegates and the host's general membership, as was the case of the JSCE's 100th anniversary celebration in November 2014 in Tokyo.

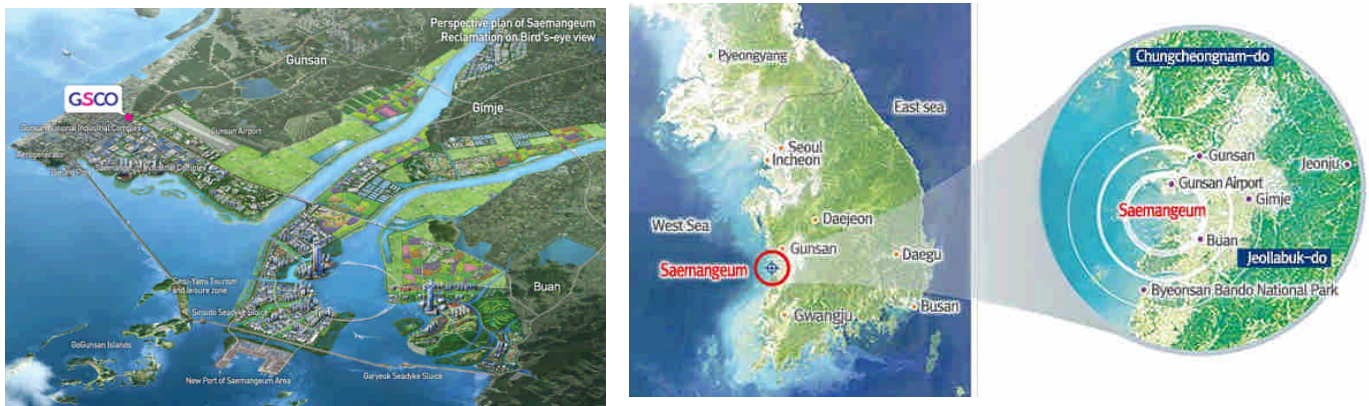
In all these activities however, what has been missing in the big picture is the local members' participation and involvement – the young most importantly. As set in the Councils objectives, they should be the main beneficiary of ACECC's technical and development programs. Unfortunately, they may not be in a position yet to subsidize their own individual participation in meetings outside their own country. This I believe is the primordial concern of the ACECC Leadership, especially so that the Secretary General and his Deputy had been in office for twenty-three months.

In the case of the Technical Coordinating Committee, a proposal for its reorganization starting mid-2015 was discussed at the 16th TCC meeting in Tokyo in November 2014. Likewise, the proposed TCC programs to undertake technical seminars in collaboration with member-societies to serve domestic memberships was presented at the 17th TCC meeting in Dhaka in March 2015.

Both proposals were submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. The TCC is awaiting the decision of the EC on these important activities.

ACECC's 29th Executive Committee Meeting  
Jae-Woo Park, KSCE

The 29th ACECC Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) will be held on October 28-30, 2015, at the BEST WESTERN Gunsan Hotel ([www.gunsanhotel.co.kr](http://www.gunsanhotel.co.kr)), Saemangeum, Gunsan Korea. Gunsan is located in the western coast of the Korean peninsula, and is about 3 hours away from Seoul. It is also the central city of Saemangeum, the biggest reclamation project of the country, and the world's longest man-made sea dike of 33 kilometers long, adding an area of 400km<sup>2</sup> to the Korean Peninsula.



Alongside the meeting, the KSCE 2015 CONVENTION will also be held on October 28-30, 2015, at the GSCO (Gunsan Saemangeum Convention Center, <http://gSCO.kr>), located next to the ECM venue. Under the theme, "Civil Engineering Leading to Happiness", the KSCE 2015 CONVENTION will be open to all ACECC members. The KSCE will provide complimentary registration to the convention, the international program, including lunch and dinner.

For information on visa application, please visit the following website – <http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/visa/application>, and inform KSCE beforehand, if any documents are required to secure visa before your departure date.

Contact person: Ms. Hyunsun Song – [song@ksce.or.kr](mailto:song@ksce.or.kr)



## 29<sup>th</sup> ECM Program (tentative)

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM	VENUE
<b>Wednesday October 28th</b>	10:00 – 10:30	Registration	Rose Hall, 3rd Fl., BEST WESTERN, Gunsan Hotel
	10:30 – 12:00	18 <sup>th</sup> Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting	
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	Patio, 1st Fl., BEST WESTERN, Gunsan Hotel
	13:00 – 14:00	23 <sup>rd</sup> Planning Committee Meeting	Rose Hall, 3rd Fl., BEST WESTERN, Gunsan Hotel
	14:00 – 15:00	Afternoon Tea	
	15:00 – 16:00	23 <sup>rd</sup> Planning Committee Meeting	
	18:30 – 20:00	Welcome Reception	Lily Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl., BEST WESTERN Gunsan Hotel
<b>Thursday October 29th</b>	08:30 – 09:00	Registration	Rose Hall, 3rd Fl., BEST WESTERN, Gunsan Hotel
	09:00 – 10:30	29 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	
	10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea	
	11:00 – 12:30	29 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	
	12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	Patio, 1st Fl., BEST WESTERN, Gunsan Hotel
	13:30 – 15:00	ACECC Technical Seminar / Global Session – KSCE 2015 CONVENTION	Room I&J(208-209), 2nd Fl., GSCO
	16:00 – 17:30	Young Engineers Session with Civil Engineering Leader's Network	Room E (204), 2nd Fl., GSCO
	18:30 – 20:30	Dinner	Convention Hall 2, 1st Fl., GSCO
<b>Friday October 30th</b>	09:00 – 15:00	ACECC Tour (for applicants only)	TBA

## ACECC Event Calendar

As of May7, 2015

Date	Name of Events	City, further information
May 9-11, 2015	IEP: Engineering & Technology Exhibition (ENTECH-2015)	EXPO Center, Karachi, Pakistan
June 12-13, 2015	IEP Annual Convention & Civil Engineering Congress	Karachi, Pakistan
June 18-19, 2015	MACE Annual meeting	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
September 16-18, 2015	JSCE: Annual Convention	Okayama University, Japan
September 16-19, 2015	ACECC-support conference: The Fifth International Conference of EURO ASIA CIVIL ENGINEERING FORUM	Surabaya, Indonesia <a href="http://eacef5.petra.ac.id/">http://eacef5.petra.ac.id/</a>
October 11 - 14, 2015	ASCE: Annual Convention	New York, USA <a href="http://asceconvention.org/">http://asceconvention.org/</a>
October 28-30, 2015	KSCE 2015 CONVENTION& ACECC 29 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	GSCO (Gunsan Saemangeum Convention Center, <a href="http://gsco.kr">http://gsco.kr</a> ), Gunsan, Korea
November 9-13, 2015	ACECC-support conference:The15th Asian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering	Fukuoka, Japan <a href="http://www.15arc.org">http://www.15arc.org</a>
November 20-21, 2015	CICHE 2015 Annual Convention	National Taiwan University, Taipei
Nov. 28-Dec. 4, 2015	WFEO: World Engineering Conference and Convention	Kyoto, Japan <a href="http://www.congre.co.jp/wecc2015/">http://www.congre.co.jp/wecc2015/</a>