

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Albert T. Yeung

I attended the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers held in Okayama, Japan in my capacity as the chair of ACECC and representative of the ASCE President. I made the invited presentation on "Use of IT in Civil Engineering for Real-time Data Collection" on 16th September 2015 during the International Roundtable Meeting of the 2015 JSCE Annual Meeting. The theme of the Meeting was "Leveraging Big Data for Infrastructure Management and Sustainable Development". Other presenters from ACECC membership included those of CICHE, JSCE, KSCE and PICE.

The 23rd Planning Committee meeting, the 18th Technical Coordinating Committee meeting and the 29th Executive Committee meeting of ACECC were held at Best Western Gunsan Hotel, Gunsan, Korea during 28-29 October 2015 in conjunction with the 2015 Convention of the Korean Society of Civil Engineers. Nepal Engineers' Association was accepted as the 13th member of ACECC in the 29th Executive Committee meeting.

The ACECC International Session of the 2015 KSCE Convention – Climate Change Adaptation on Water Resources was held at the Gunsan Saemangeum Convention Centre on 30th October 2015. The event was an excellent collaboration between ACECC and KSCE. The Civil Engineering Leader's Network (CELeN) meeting of the 2015 KSCE Convention for young engineers was held at the Gunsan Saemangeum Convention Centre. Our Deputy Secretary General, Dr. Ed Wang was heavily involved in the organization of the meaningful event.

I was invited to give a keynote lecture on the Engineering Session Day on 11th November 2015 of the 15th Asian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering under the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) and hosted by the Japanese Geotechnical Society at the Fukuoka International Congress Center, Fukuoka, Japan. The theme of the Conference was "New Innovations and Sustainability". The title of my paper was "Geotechnical Works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Project". The chair of the session was our Secretary General, Dr. Kenichi Horikoshi. Other keynote speakers from the ACECC membership included those of CICHE, EA and JSCE.

Dr. Kenichi Horikoshi and I traveled to Kyoto, Japan in November/December 2015 to attend the World Engineering Conference and Convention 2015 and the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) meetings. In addition to the participation of different sessions of the conference, we attended the meetings of the Committee on Young Engineers/Future Leaders, World Engineering Conference 2019, WFEO Executive Council and the WFEO General Assembly as the official representatives of ACECC. At present, ACECC is an Associate Member of the WFEO and does not have voting right. Dr. Horikoshi is investigating the possibility for ACECC to become a full member of the WFEO. Moreover, we took the opportunity to meet the presidents of the Institution of Engineers, Singapore, and the Institution of Engineers, Malaysia to discuss their possibilities to join ACECC in the future.

I would take this opportunity to correct an error in my previous message, Mr. Paul Mitchell (Chair of ACECC 2007-2010) and Mr. Steve Finlay (Secretary General of ACECC 2007-2010) of EA attended the WFEO meetings in India and Kuwait as official representatives of ACECC. Thanks to Mr. Paul Mitchell for identifying the error regarding ACECC representation in the WFEO meetings.

Last but the least, I look forward to meeting you all in India in March 2016 if not earlier. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

MESSAGE FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Udai P. Singh

The ACECC meetings in Gunsan, S. Korea on 28-30 October, 2015 were very successful. We were impressed with the elaborate arrangements made by KSCE; thank you Prof. Park and your team. Even though Gunsan is nearly 3 hour drive from Incheon International Airport, we had no problem with the round trip commute, as complementary shuttle bus rides were provided by KSCE. Keeping the ACECC meetings during the same week and at the same location as the KSCE Annual Convention gave us the opportunity to mingle with more co-professionals from Korea than in a stand-alone meeting. We were also able to attend some of the technical sessions and the evening banquet with a marvelous cultural program. I was fortunate to be invited to make a presentation on climate change at the International Session of the KSCE Convention.

What impressed me and several other ACECC delegates the most was the technical tour of the 33.9 km Saemangeum Sea Dike, the longest in the world. This is a challenging and magnificent project, balancing the environment and ecosystems with the planned agricultural, industrial, and tourism development that will boost Korea's economy. I would love to return to the site in 10 or 15 years and see how the next generation is making use of the Saemangeum Project.

Let's briefly recap some of the outcome from the 23rd Planning Committee meeting (PCM) held on 28th October, 2015.

Membership Campaign

The PCM accepted the membership application from Nepal Engineers Association (NEA), and based on its recommendation the ECM voted unanimously to add NEA to ACECC as its 13th member. NEA's President Er. Dhruva Thapa made a presentation on the 2015 earthquake in Nepal and brought us up to speed on post-earthquake activities, especially the ones where NEA is involved. Welcome NEA!

While Cambodia dropped out due to its ineligibility to become an ACECC member (too few CSCE members), we are continuing to contact potential member societies from Sri Lanka, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Kazakhstan.

Cultivating the Next Generation of Civil Engineers

Kudos to Dr. Ed Wang who brought in several civil engineering students from five universities in Taiwan. They observed the ACECC meetings and attended the KSCE convention, interacting with engineers from many countries. We encourage all member societies to bring in students to ACECC meetings.

ACECC Awards Subcommittee

We are on track to evaluate award nominations in the next few months and present the awards at the Awards Dinner at CECAR 7 in Hawaii.

Progress of the 7th CECAR

CECAR 7 is on track. The LOC conference steering committee is meeting on 20 and 21 November to prepare the detailed technical program. More than 300 abstracts have been submitted from the general call for abstracts and review of the abstracts is under way. In addition, more than 20 technical sessions organized by ACECC member societies or technical committees are expected. Keynote speakers have been invited. The conference budget was approved by ACECC. Also an MoU (conference management agreement) between ACECC secretariat and ASCE (the host society) was approved. For more information on CECAR 7 such as conference program, technical tours, keynote speakers, special workshops, hotel, and registration fees, please visit the conference website www.cecar7.org.

Member societies are requested to publicize the conference within their own economies. Moreover, we are asking for assistance of all member societies for bringing in financial sponsors and exhibitors.

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JSCE is forming the conference organizing committee. Details will be provided at the next meeting.

Plans for the 30th ECM

ICE(I) reported that the 30th ECM will be held in New Delhi, India from 25th March to 27th March, 2016 at the ITC Welcome Hotel. ACECC member societies are requested to confirm to the secretariat the number of delegates (hotel rooms) who plan to attend the meeting so that the appropriate block of rooms can be set aside for our group.

Hosting of Future ECMs

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We want to make sure that future ECMs are hosted by each member society. ACECC approved financial assistance, if needed, to member societies in the first two categories out of the six categories to host ECMs. Currently this includes member societies from Nepal, Mongolia, and Vietnam, and ACECC members are eager to conduct ECMs in these countries in the near future. A roster will be set up to select the venue for the ECM for the next 3 years (after CECAR 7), and it will be decided at the next PCM.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions pertaining to the Planning Committee or Local Organizing Committee. Thank you.

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Re: Invitation to the ACECC 30th Executive Committee Meeting (L44-25112015-ASCE)

Dear ACECC member,

On behalf of the Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council (ACECC), I would like to extend a cordial invitation to you, The American Society of Civil Engineers, as one of the ACECC members, to attend the ACECC 30th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM), the 24th Planning Committee Meeting (PCM) and the 19th Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting (TCCM), which will be held at WELCOME HOTEL, New Delhi, India, on March 25-27, 2016, including a tour. The related information will be posted on the ACECC website: <http://www.acecc-world.org/>.

Please remember to process any required visa application as early as possible to attend the above mentioned ACECC ECM, TCCM and PCM. If an additional letter of invitation or any document is required to secure a visa, please contact Mr. Prithupal Singh, Secretary General, ICE(I), email: prsingh@ice-i.org or Ms. Maya Thakur, Director, ICE(I) email: mavathakur@gmail.com.

If you could inform the Secretariat of the schedules of your delegates to the above mentioned meetings as soon as possible, it would be appreciated. The delegates form is attached hereto. As well, if there are any agenda items you would like to bring forward, please submit a proposal by February 25, one month before the meetings at the latest.

We look forward to seeing you in New Delhi in March.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Kenichi Horikoshi, Ph.D.
ACECC Secretary General

Att: 1. ACECC 30th ECM Information
2. Delegates Form

ACECC Event Calendar

As of November 16, 2015

Date	Name of Events	City, further information
November 19-21, 2015	PICE 41st National Convention	SMX Convention Center Bacolod, Rizal Street, Reclamation Area, Bacolod City
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 http://www.congre.co.jp/wecc2015/
March 25-27, 2016	ACECC 30 th Executive Committee Meeting	New Delhi, India
Aug. 29-30, 2016	ACECC 31 st Executive Committee Meeting	Waikiki, Oahu, Hawaii
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2016	Civil Engineering Conference in the Asian Region : CECAR 7	Waikiki, Oahu, Hawaii
Sep. 7-9, 2016	JSCE Annual Convention	Sendai, Japan
Sep. 29- Oct. 1, 2016	ASCE 2016 Convention	Portland, Oregon