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Greetings from the New Director of the Center

By Dr. Bunichiro Shibazaki, Director of IISEE

This April 1, I was appointed director of the International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, succeeding former Director Dr. Azuhata.

Since joining the Building Research Institute in 1995, I have been involved in the work of the

International Training on Seismology

and Earthquake Engineering (IISEE training course). I have been in charge as the course leader of the Tsunami Disaster Prevention Course and the Global Seismological Observation Training Course, mainly teaching participants studying seismology and tsunamis. I have had the opportunity to meet many participants from countries around the world. I am very proud that many ex-participants who have returned to their home countries are now working in leadership positions in their countries.

Sixty-two years have passed since the start of the IISEE training course. However, earthquake and tsunami disasters still occur in many parts of the world. Under such circumstances, it is very important to foster researchers and engineers who understand seismology, earthquake engineering, and tsunami and to help mitigate earthquake and tsunami disasters through the IISEE training course.

As director of the Center, I will make every effort to contribute to the continuation and development of the IISEE training course, and I would appreciate your continued support and guidance.



Dr. Bunichiro Shibazaki
Director of IISEE

Earthquakes

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

Reports of Recent Earthquakes

Utsu Catalog

Earthquake Catalog

Call for Papers

IISEE Bulletin is now accepting submissions of papers for the seismology, earthquake engineering, and tsunami. Developing countries are targeted, but are not limited.

Your original papers will be reviewed by the editorial members and some experts.

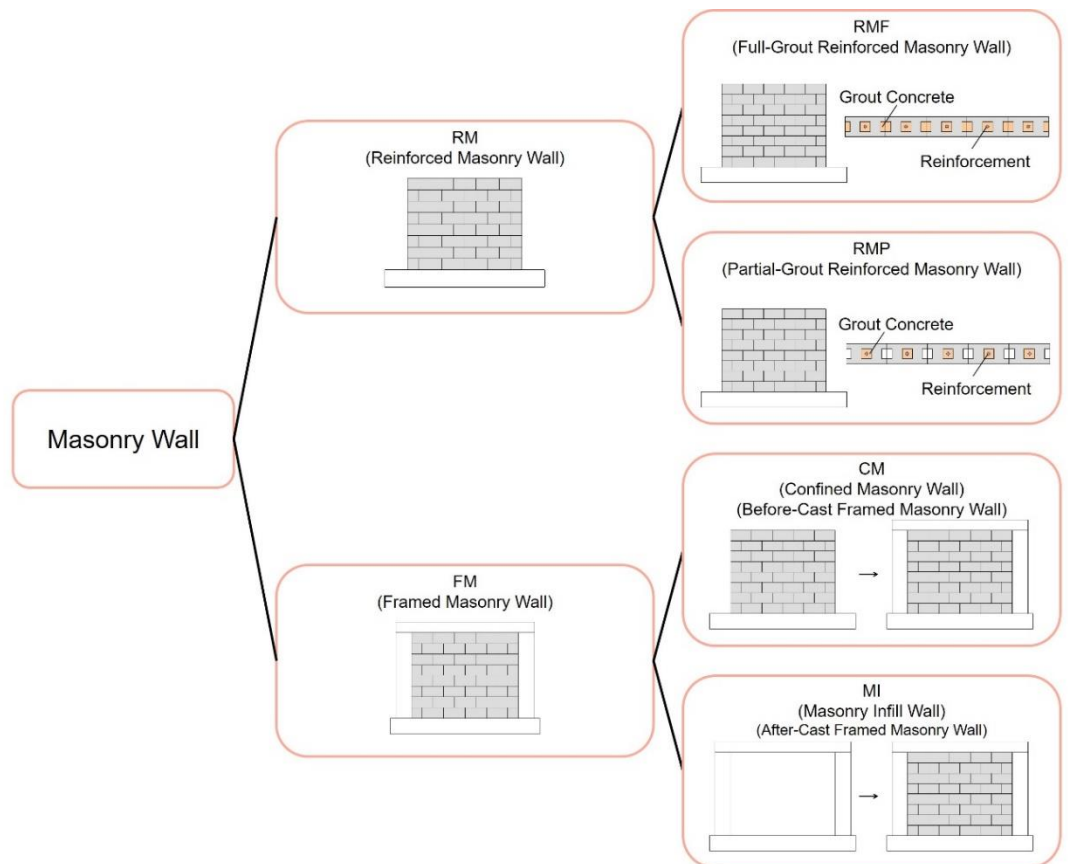
NO submission fee is needed.

Try to challenge!!

Publication of Masonry Experimental Database

By Dr. Yuri Otsuka, Research Engineer, IISEE

Masonry experimental database has been released. This is a database of masonry walls constructed with bricks and concrete blocks. The masonry walls were classified into four types, as shown below. Based on the papers, the specifications of the test specimens, materials, experimental data, etc., were summarized and published in Excel format. And the analysis and research results using this database are published by the BRI as Building Research Data.



Flower Viewing

By Mr. Takahiro Yamada, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

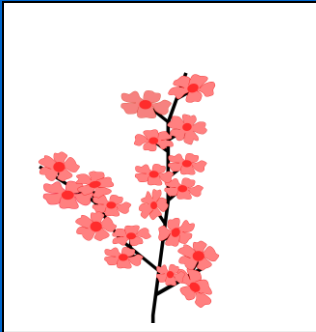
On March 30 and 31, IISEE took group photos under the cherry blossom. The weather was perfect for savoring the cherry blossom.

The cherry blossom is Japanese national flower, and it has a meaning of "Spiritual Beauty". Also, it blooms downwards, so we eat, chat, and take photos under cherry blossoms like a picnic.

We have many cheery trees on the premises of BRI, and they bloom at the end of March every year. In Ibaraki, it was cold on March 29. However, we had spring-like weather on the day before and after, so the cherry blossom became in full blossom.

Under the Covid-19 pandemic, it is hard for all the participants to do their best on their training while preventing the infection.

We hope the cherry blossom was a good change of mind to them.



Contact Us

The IISEE Newsletter is intended to act as a go-between for IISEE and ex-participants.

We encourage you to contribute a report and an article to this newsletter. Please let us know your current activities in your countries.

We also welcome your co-workers and friends to register our mailing list.

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Earthquake Engineering Course



Seismic & Tsunami Course

Microtremors Observation Practice at Mt. Tsukuba (March 23)

By Mr. Takahiro Yamada, Head of Administration Division, IISEE

On the afternoon of March 23, participants from the one-year seismology and earthquake engineering courses conducted microtremors observation practices using seismometers from the Building Research Institute.

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The weather was cloudy but not rainy, so the practical training went well.
Those participants who were not able to visit Japan could study by watching the recorded video.

