

IAC News

Japan Society of Civil Engineers International Activities Center

About IAC News

IAC News highlights JSCE's international activities, including:

- Updates from JSCE International Sections (UK, Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, etc.)
- ACECC initiatives and global committee efforts
- Introductions to active professionals and unique projects in civil engineering

We introduce the lively and engaging views of the current civil engineering field through JSCE's global network. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcomed!

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for International Students studying Civil Engineering

Apology and Notice Regarding Content in the Previous issue

In our previous issue, we announced that Evaluation and Analysis of Questionnaire Survey Results would be published in this issue.

However, due to various circumstances, this has changed, and the results will now be published in the JSCE Magazine instead. We sincerely appreciate your kind understanding.

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Future Outlook of the Information Networking Group



Katsufumi Hashimoto
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The JSCE International Activities Center's Information Networking Group has communicated JSCE's Intl. activities to domestic and overseas audiences through a broad communications strategy that includes publishing IAC News, articles in the JSCE Journal (the Intl. Activities Center Newsletter), and its website and social media accounts. Continuously gathering and sharing information related to, in particular, the Intl. Activities Center, overseas 9 chapters (the UK, Korea, Taiwan, and Turkey etc.), International organizations including the Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council (ACECC), investigation and research committees, civil engineers and researchers working overseas, Intl. projects, and the latest technologies has been hugely significant in acting as a secure foundation that ties together JSCE'S internal and external stakeholders.

Going forward, it is important that the Information Networking Group builds on its well-established information-sharing capabilities and enhances its capacity as a platform to promote the circulation of international knowledge in the civil

engineering field, going beyond consolidating and sharing information scattered among an increasingly diverse range of activities in engineering and other fields of study, as well as areas of industry, government, and academia.

In the context of its history and future expectations outlined above, there is a need to strengthen its functions while clarifying the role of the Intl. Activities Center, with a focus on the following three core values for information.

The first core value (access) is—in order to more accurately deliver information needed by domestic and overseas members—to provide information of interest and necessity to students, working professionals, researchers, that is, people in each area of industry, government, and academia, through accessible quality and content tailored to the characteristics of its publisher and audience.

The second core value (global reach) is the need to effectively communicate the achievements of civil engineering technologies and research with the international community. In particular, in fields in which Japan is a global leader, such as disaster prevention/mitigation, maintenance, and talent development, we must actively cover knowledge that contributes to solving international challenges.

The third core value (openness) is to establish a framework in which members across many different fields and domains participate through writing articles, soliciting feedback, and collaborating with overseas chapters and younger members.

It is also important to pass on the intellectual assets of international activities by increasing the ease with which past articles and activity reports can be found.

Given the above, the future outlook of the Information Networking Group lies in moving from simply “recording and communicating” international activities to “connecting, expanding, and generating” the value possessed by all people and activities relating to Japanese civil engineering. We shall present JSCE’s diverse international network and expertise and forge a forum for sharing and creation between civil engineers, researchers, and students in Japan and abroad. Accordingly, the Information

Networking Group must further strengthen its core function, which is to support the internationalization of JSCE, and fulfill expectations in its role to provide useful value to society.

Report on the 2nd Seminar on the Globalization of Civil Engineering



Masaru Suzuki
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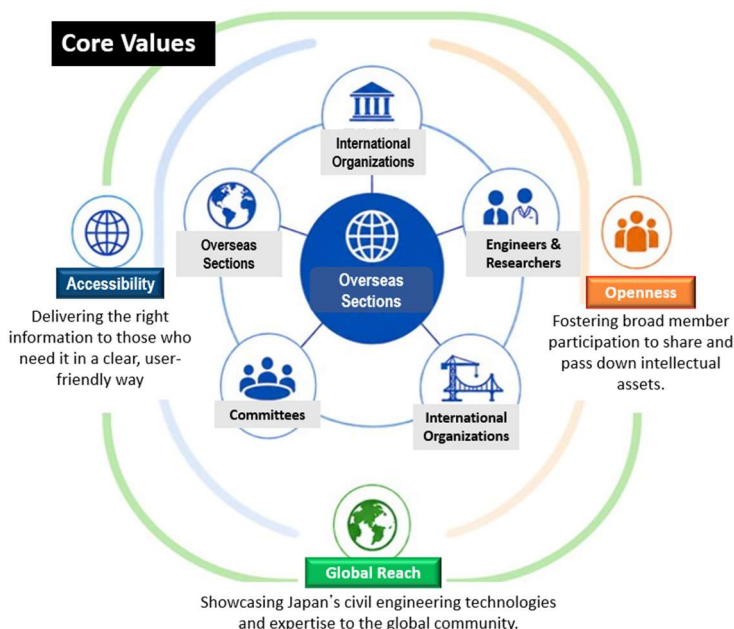
This year, the JSCE Intl. Activities Center has produced a series entitled “Seminars for the Globalization of Civil Engineering Technologies.”

On April 21, the second seminar in this series was held both online and in person under the title “Sustainable Development Goals and Global Issue Initiatives,” inviting attendees from the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), which has its headquarters in Nagoya.

To date, the Intl. Activities Center has had many international projects or projects focused on Japanese civil engineers working overseas, but few such projects that cover the activities of associations or organizations outside of JSCE.

Therefore, I was a bit anxious about what the turnout for this event would be, but the response was the exact opposite of what I had anticipated, with about 630 people taking part either in person or online. Over 600 attendees in a seminar hosted by an academic society are rare in my experience, and I’m proud that it was such a big success.

With so many people attending, I was surprised to learn that, when I asked

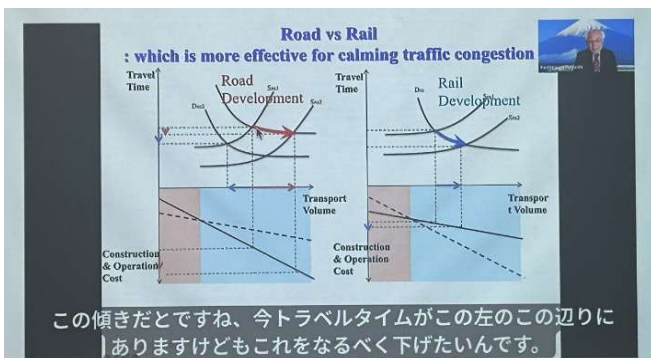


whether anyone had encouraged them all to participate, no one had.

■ **Outline of Seminar Contents and Main Keynote Speakers**

After Mitsuhiro Yao, Former Minister’s Secretariat and Counselor of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, gave his opening address, there was a video message from Professor Yoshitsugu Hayashi, Japanese Representative of the Club of Rome. Professor Hayashi recorded the video ahead of time as he was, unfortunately, on a work trip to Argentina. In the context of concepts such as “The Limits to Growth” and “the Anthropocene,” he highlighted the need to shift to a society that takes into account increasing resource limitations and environmental burdens.

He particularly emphasized the importance of shifting from the conventional development model centered on economic growth and efficiency to regional development driven by people’s quality of life (QOL), as well as drastic reforms in infrastructure, transportation, and lifestyles to achieve carbon neutrality. He also discussed the efforts of the Club of Rome in his video. Another major takeaway from the seminar was being able to engage in meaningful discussions with attendees during the break time.



Video message Professor Hayashi

Next up to speak was Professor Tanigawa of Nagoya University, who

introduced his university’s SDG efforts to establish an education and research hub in the field of international development, as well as developing talent across a diverse range of fields. He highlighted the university’s role as a “foundation of knowledge” to support a sustainable society, and the importance of bridging education and professional practice.

Shigeo Murata, Director of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), then gave a talk on how the organization— established in 1971—has gone on to aid regional development carried out primarily through the Asia-Pacific region.

He illustrated a detailed international cooperation framework directly tied to the SDGs, including the likes of environmentally sustainable transport (EST), the circular economy and the 3Rs, and water-related disaster risk reduction. He also spoke about the importance of promoting “local SDGs” that are rooted in the local community.



プロジェクト

UNCRDは、持続可能な地域開発という枠組みの中でSDGsの推進を加速化するため、

- 循環経済（サーキュラーエコノミー） / 3R（リユース、リデュース、リサイクル）
- 環境的に持続可能な交通（EST）
- 質の高いインフラ
- 災害リスク軽減と水
- スマートシティ
- ローカルSDGs

の6つの側面から統合的に事業を展開



Introduction of UNCRD

Lastly, Hiroyoshi Morita of Dia Nippon Engineering Consultants called for the need for visualizing achievement metrics for each local government and methods for objective data-based monitoring, given that while awareness of the SDGs is growing, assessment of their progress is currently not sufficient. He also introduced detailed assessment methods that link directly to practices.

The keynote speeches on the topic of SDGs were very accessible and also introduced the efforts of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development. I think this seminar was a great success, not only in terms of attendance, but in terms of what it delivered as well.



The Panelists at a Q&A

This seminar focused on a topic completely different from a civil engineering project or technology. Considering this point in more detail, I imagine that, with so much information available today, individuals are able to get information about projects and technologies themselves, and so many attendees' interests have shifted to getting new information that doesn't fit under JSCE's umbrella.

The Project Work Group of the JSCE Intl. Activities Center also publishes information on the Japanese Civil Engineers the Global Leaders Symposium Series and the Archives of International



Audience at the venue

Infrastructure Contributions and International Cooperation.

I hope the Project Work Group will take the lessons learned from this seminar and make their activities even better.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who attended, as well as everyone involved who worked really hard to make the event a success. I hope for your continued support.

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Reported by
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Member

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Report on Joint Company Information Session 2026 for International Students studying Civil Engineering



Yasuo Sawamura

(Leader of International Students Working
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On May 23, 2026, the JSCE Intl. Activities Center's Intl. Students and Civil Engineers Group held an online event called the Joint Company Information Session 2026 for Intl. Students Studying Civil Engineering. This event aimed to provide a forum for sharing information between Intl. students studying civil engineering and Japanese companies.

There are currently many Intl. students studying civil engineering at Japanese universities. Meanwhile, few students wish to work in Japan after they graduate. While Japanese universities offer career support and a recruitment framework, these are mainly for Japanese students. For Intl. students, it is not always easy to get sufficient information about the businesses, occupations, career paths, and recruitment process of Japanese companies. Because of this, the Intl. Students and Civil Engineers Group has held a job fair event with partnering companies for Intl. students since 2014.

This year's event was attended by 100 Intl. students from universities and colleges all over Japan, with great interest in getting employment and building a career in Japan. The event featured 12 companies in the civil engineering field, including construction companies, construction consultancy companies, and expressway companies. Each company explained an overview of who they are, what exactly they do, their recruitment of Intl. students, and the career paths available after joining. The Intl. students in attendance then freely moved between breakout rooms in Zoom to listen to the talks of the companies they were interested in. In the Q&A session, there were lots of questions from students, including topics such as job details, Japanese level requirements, training available after joining, and future career possibilities.

The opening address session involved a keynote speech from two senior members, who had studied in Japan and who are now working at a Japanese company, on the topics of living as an Intl. student, job-seeking efforts, and experiences after joining a company. For the Intl. students, listening to the detailed firsthand experience of people their senior was a very valuable opportunity in helping them to think about their own future path. After the Company Session, there was a Senpai Session in which students could ask questions in a relaxed manner.

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to all the companies involved that gave up their precious time to take part in this event, the senior members who shared their valuable experience, and Ms. Shibuya, Ms. Ashida, and Ms. Nasu of the Intl. Activities Center Administration Office, who worked really hard to prepare and make this event a success. I believe the Joint Company Information Session 2026 for Intl. Students Studying Civil Engineering will support Intl. students in

building a career in Japan and help facilitate Intl. talent exchange in the Japanese civil engineering industry.



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Reported by Yasuo Sawamura
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Announcements

■ International & Committee News

◆ FY2026 JSCE Annual Meeting: The 81st Annual Conference

▶ : <https://committees.jsce.or.jp/zenkoku/>

◆ IABSE Newsletter June 2026

▶ : <https://www.iabse.org/Newsletter>

◆ ASCE magazine "Civil Engineering Source"

▶ 詳細 : <https://www.asce.org/publications-and-news/civil-engineering-source>

◆ IAC News No.150

▶ Japanese : https://committees.jsce.or.jp/kokusai/iac_news_150

▶ English : <https://www.jsce-int.org/pub/iacnews/150>

Event Announcements

◆ 32nd Global ISSA Construction Conference

・Date : July 2-3, 2026

・Venue : Limassol, Cyprus

▶ Details : www.issa-c-in-cyprus.com

◆ IABSE Congress Incheon 2026: "Structural Engineering Towards Evolution and Hyper-Expansion"

・Date: September 16-18, 2026

▶ Details: <https://www.iabse.org/Incheon2026>

◆ 「IEEE International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Energy Technologies(ICECT 2026)」

・Dates : Oct 15-17, 2026

・Venue : Indonesia, Bali Island

▶ Details: <https://www.iceccme.com/2026>

“The official website for the JSCE Annual Meeting 2026 International Program is now open!”

Dates: August 31- September 4, 2026

Venues: Hokkai-Gakuen University (Toyohira Campus), Hokkai School of Commerce, and Sapporo Education and Culture Hall

Details: <https://www.jsce-int.org/node/964>

Call for Submissions

The JSCE International Center invites you, the JSCE members to share your committee reports, technical essays, project briefs, and opinions and findings in and outside professional activities. There are no specific format or length requirements, so please feel free to send yours to the JSCE International Center.

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◆English: <http://www.jsce-int.org/node/150>

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- ◆ JSCE Website (Japanese): <https://www.jsce.or.jp/>
- ◆ International Center Website: <https://committees.jsce.or.jp/kokusai/>
- ◆ [Facebook] https://www.facebook.com/JSCE.en/?locale=ja_JP
- ◆ [YouTube]
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