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A Newsletter of the International Association of Lowland Technology (IALT)

ASEAN Lecture Program in Saga

"The ASEAN Collaborative Lecture Program on Lowland Technology" was successfully conducted from March 11 to 18, 2013 in ILMR, Saga Univ. This is the first attempt to give lectures for graduate students in ASEAN and Japan on Lowland Technology with 2 units of credit. Nine students from Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia who were invited by ILMR studied with 5 graduate students of Saga Univ. in ILMR. Four speakers were invited from those countries delivered the lectures along with those from ILMR.



Participants of ASEAN Lecture Program

ILMR has strong international networks and accumulated significant outcomes on Lowland Research. Some foreign students who graduated from Saga Univ. are now university teachers in their countries. Mutual exchange of knowledge on Lowland Technology has been expanded through IALT or ISLT symposium. By leveraging such favorable conditions, lectures were given to young generation who are expected to be a leader for desirable development of society in the ASEAN countries as a human resources development. The interesting program of classroom lectures, experiments in the laboratory, site visit and general discussions, was

successfully completed. All participants evaluated the program as most useful and very successful.

In the first program of the series, Water Resources Univ. (Vietnam), Kasetsart Univ. (Thailand) and Hasaanudhin Univ. (Indonesia) cooperated with Saga Univ. (Japan). ILMR would like to continue this program and expand it several more participation countries. (H. Araki)

Satellite Center of ILMR in Indonesia

Institute of Lowland and Marine Research (ILMR), Saga University, Japan has signed the MOU with the Hasanuddin University, Indonesia to establish the satellite center of ILMR in Indonesia.



Signing ceremony for opening of ILMR satellite in Hasanuddin University, Indonesia

Report on ICTDMU-1

Thu Dau Mot University organized the First International Conference on Foundation and Soft Ground Engineering Challenges in Mekong Delta (ICTDMU-1) on June 5, 2013 under the supports of VSSMGE and ISSMGE with more than 120 participants from 16 countries. The conference was co-sponsored by IALT along with a generous financial support. The conference had several sponsors and exhibitors. Their efforts to

make this conference a success are greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

This international geotechnical engineering conference offered a harmonious combination of information from seasoned young, international, and national keynote speakers from every continent. In attending the conference, the participants could realize the valuable differences of Geotechnical Engineering among continents, enjoy the pleasant collegial atmosphere and the lessons from keynote speakers. The conference attracted 34 technical papers and about 20 papers were presented in parallel sessions. The proceedings over 400 pages were produced and given to the participants in both hard bound and soft copies.



Co-Chairman of Conference – Prof. **Madhira R. Madhav**, President, IALT delivering his speech

Special Issue of Lowland Technology International (LTI) Journal

LTI has published a special issue containing selected seven best papers from the ISLT 2012. The date of the publication of this special issue of LTI is (LTI Vol. 15, No. 1) June 2013.

2013 North India floods

In June 2013, a multi-day cloudburst centered on the North Indian state of Uttarakhand caused

devastating floods and landslides in the country's worst natural disaster since the 2004 tsunami. Apart from some parts of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in India, some regions of Western Nepal, and some parts of Western Tibet also experienced heavy rainfall. However 95% of the casualties occurred in Uttarakhand. As of 16 July 2013, according to figures provided by the Uttarakhand government, more than 5,700 people were "presumed dead." This total included 934 local residents. Again the natural disasters caused a serious damage to the humanity. (Source Wikipedia).

9th ISLT Saga, Japan

The 9th International Symposium on Lowland Technology (ISLT) will be held in Saga, Japan during 29th September and 1st October, 2014. The preparations for this symposium is going on. Please mark your calendar in advance for attending the ISLT. The main themes of the 9th ISLT will be the same as the previous one. Please encourage your friends, colleagues and students to participate in the 9th ISLT and share the research outcomes related with Lowlands.

Please visit <http://islt2014.com/index.html> .

The deadline for abstract submission is 15th December, 2013.

Renewing Membership of IALT

It is to inform all the members that please renew your membership of IALT by paying the annual membership fees. Being a member of IALT you will get the discounted rate for registration fees in the ISLT, and also the full access to all the papers of [LTI journal](#) and many other related facilities. Please visit the official website <http://www.ilt.saga-u.ac.jp/ialt/index.html>