



14th WORLD CONFERENCE ON EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING

Invitation from IAEE



Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to have this opportunity on behalf of IAEE to join Prof. Chen Jianmin, President of the Local Organizing Committee and Director General of China Earthquake Administration, in extending our cordial invitation to you to attend the 14th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering (14WCEE).

Since we left Vancouver in the summer of 2004, the world has seen even its worse experience of earthquake disasters. Earthquakes in Iran, Indonesia and Pakistan, for example, took tens of thousands of human lives and caused enormous damage to our economy and society. These terrible experiences serve as a wake up call to remind us there is much work to be done for reducing earthquake disaster.

Ever since its establishment, IAEE has been contributing all its might to world earthquake disaster mitigation. The World Conference on Earthquake Engineering is just one of the efforts in IAEE's endeavor to make a safer world.

The 14WCEE to be held in Beijing, China, October 12~17, 2008 will be an excellent opportunity for us to share our experience and knowledge and work together for the common goal in earthquake disaster mitigation. I therefore call for your active participation in the upcoming 14WCEE to promote closer international cooperation and extensive interchange of knowledge, ideas, and to share our latest results of research and practice.

I look forward to seeing you in Beijing, China in October, 2008.

Tsuneo Katayama

IAEE President



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Invitation from Local Organizing Committee



Dear Friends,

As the President of the Local Organizing Committee of the 14th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Director General of China Earthquake Administration, I want to extend my invitation to you to attend the Conference to be held in Beijing, China, October 12-17, 2008.

The Conference will bring together government officials, NGO representatives, international research and development communities, scholars, and numerous segments of the private industries to present their latest results on earthquake hazard mitigation and to exchange ideas on how to improve earthquake safety around the world. It will also become a historical event for earthquake disaster prevention because of its unique opportunity for professionals from all over the world to learn from each other on earthquake engineering and hazard mitigation. We will do our utmost to make this event one of the best and most successful conferences and we believe that all delegates will find their participation both professionally rewarding and personally enjoyable.

The post-conference field trips will have six options for the participants to choose. All the routes are designed for the participants to better understand the development of earthquake disaster prevention in China, and to enjoy the oriental scenery and the harmonious coexistence of ancient civilization and modern culture.

I look forward to seeing you in Beijing, 2008!

CHEN Jianmin

President

Local Organizing Committee

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