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I am glad to know that the Sixth World Conference on Earthquake Engineering will be held in New Delhi from January 10, 1977. I offer my greetings to the organisers and sponsors and extend a hearty welcome to all the delegates and scientists assembling here.

Scientists all over the world have been carrying on fruitful research on earthquakes, their causes as well as warning signs. All this work is doubtless of great value. I am sure the experts assembling here will exchange useful information and chalk out concrete plans for evaluation and mitigation of earthquake risk.

I send my best wishes for the success of the Conference and the Exhibition.

(Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed)



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VICE-PRESIDENT
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NEW DELHI

August 21, 1976.

I am glad to know that the Sixth World Conference on Earthquake Engineering will be held in India from the 10th January, 1977. India is one of the countries which are in the seismic belt and it is therefore significant that this Conference is being held in this country. The subjects to be discussed at this Conference are of vital interest to all countries. I hope the participants in the Conference will exchange information on the latest methods in the evaluation and mitigation of earthquake risk. I send my best wishes for the success of the Conference.

(B.D. Jatti)



PRIME MINISTER

Earthquakes are some of the most frightening of natural phenomena. Much research is going on and science has now enabled us to understand a little better their causes and characteristics. Architects and engineers, on their part, are devising new techniques of construction based on the principle of working with nature. In spite of the steady and impressive progress in seismology and earthquake engineering, knowledge in this area remains inadequate. It is important to exchange experience so that we are better prepared for such calamities.

My good wishes for the Sixth World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, being held in New Delhi.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Indira Gandhi'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end.

New Delhi,
December 2, 1976.

(Indira Gandhi)



विदेश मंत्री, भारत
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
INDIA

New Delhi,
December 28, 1976.

The Sixth World Conference on Earthquake Engineering will provide an opportunity for scientists and engineers from different parts of the world to exchange information on the latest techniques in the evaluation and mitigation of earthquake risks. This has been the subject of systematic research and study in many countries including India where significant work has been done in the collection and analysis of earthquake data for risk evaluation and in study on engineering designs to withstand earthquake forces. The current meeting will give further opportunity to learn and profit from sharing the result of study and experience in this field, and I send my best wishes for the success of its deliberations.

(Y. B. Chavan)



UNION MINISTER OF WORKS
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January 10, 1977

Natural disasters such as those caused by earthquake have been responsible for large-scale damage and destruction of life and property. With the increasing tempo of construction in the wake of national programmes of development, a large number of buildings, housing complexes and industrial structures are coming up. In areas which are subjected to earthquake, it is necessary that such structures should be designed and constructed at economical costs to withstand the impact of earthquake. There is need for creating greater awareness of the measures which should be taken to build earthquake resistant buildings and houses. It is equally important to prepare ourselves so that in the event of an earthquake, the occurrence of which is unpredictable, heavy loss of life and property could be minimised and rehabilitation work undertaken expeditiously.

I am glad that to deliberate on these aspects, India has been chosen as the venue for holding this Sixth World Earthquake Engineering Conference and that various departments of the Government of India including the National Building Organisation and Central Public Works Department of my ministry are actively collaborating in hosting this conference. I wish the conference, which is being attended by a large number of delegates from different parts of the world, every success.

Hitendra Desai