

The Workshop on NDT with Asia Pacific Countries

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The Japanese Society for Non-Destructive Inspection (JSNDI) has been planning contributions to Asian countries for promoting NDT technologies from the twenty first century downward. IAEA had been promoting NDT industrial application among the East Asian countries in last century. The future planning committee in JSNDI took up this matter, and planned to hold a workshop as one of its most important subjects for the purpose.

JSNDI held the workshop on NDT for enhancement of cooperation with Asia Pacific countries for three days at the JSNDI Office in Tokyo. For the first time trial, JSNDI invited ten countries in the Asia Pacific region under the budget of the future planning committee. JSNDI selected four countries (Bangladesh, China, Korea and Taiwan) which have cooperation agreements with JSNDI, and other six developing countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam). All countries invited took part in the workshop. The number of participants was thirteen (two participants from Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan, and one participant from the other countries).

The workshop was held as an aim of creating mutual understanding with countries in the Asia Pacific region in order to foster NDT personnel, and to make progress with NDT technologies. At the workshop, each delegate was requested to introduce activities of present NDT technology prevalence, and future framework in each country, and it made deepen mutual understanding among the participating countries.

Furthermore, discussions on NDT strategies in the workshop made tight cooperation with the participating countries.



Dr. Ogura (Left), Dr. Ooka (Centre), Dr. Yokono (Right)

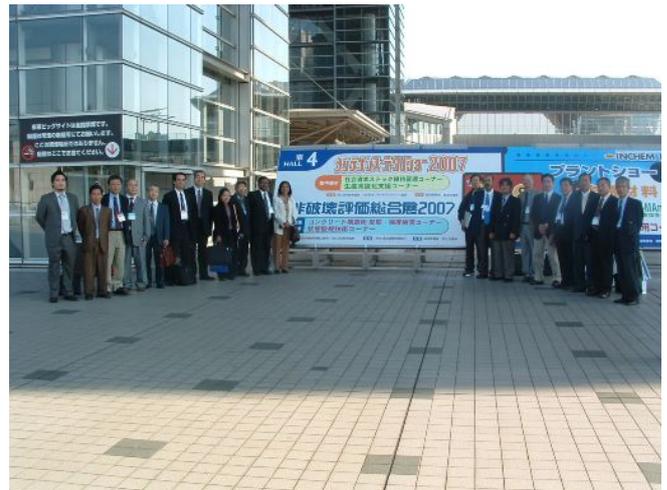
Day 1 & Day 2 Presentations from Participating Countries

The chairman of the future planning committee, Dr. Yukio Ogura had an opening greeting, and the host

chairman, Dr. Norikazu Ooka chaired the workshop.

Dr. Yoshikazu Yokono had a presentation on JSNDI activities (qualification and certification, academic, education and standardization). After the JSNDI presentation, each representative had a twenty minutes presentation to introduce activities of present NDT technologies prevalence.

During the presentations, the participants mainly discussed connection between ISO 9712 and qualification and certification system in each country.



All participants in front of the exhibition entrance

Day 3 Discussion on the Workshop

The workshop participants visited the “Exhibition for Non-Destructive Testing, Measuring, Evaluation, and Diagnosing Technology 2007” supported by JSNDI at Tokyo Big Sight. It is a trade show that is held every two years in Japan. The total number of visitors was about ten thousand for four days.

All participants discussed the future workshop at JSNDI office after the exhibition. All participants agreed that it was necessary to build up a structure of partnership regarding qualification and certification system, and to promote its related education system among Asia Pacific countries.

At the end of the workshop, it was approved that this workshop carried on to the next stage. The workshop was finished with great mutual understanding among the participating countries.

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