



## Site investigation for sinkholes in Pokhara, Nepal and Miyakonojo, Japan

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A field investigation for multiple sinkholes in Pokhara, Nepal, was conducted in December 2016, by IIS members including Profs Kuwano and Kiyota. The first investigation was in 2014 and the site has been monitored since then. It was the 6<sup>th</sup> visit to the site. A mini-ram sounding machine was newly introduced in the site to characterise the ground properties of the site.

A huge sinkhole appeared beside a motorway in Miyakonojo-city in Japan after a heavy rainfall due to Typhoon in September 2016. The sinkhole was 30m long, 13m wide and 7m deep. Prof. Kuwano and students conducted site investigation in December 2016, trying to identify the location of subsurface water pathway developed around the sinkhole.



Filed investigation in Pokhara, Nepal, collaborative work between IIS, the University of Tokyo and Tribhuvan University



Sinkhole in Miyakonojo