

International Center for Urban Safety Engineering (ICUS)

Annual Report -2008-



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ICUS structure



Research Topics (2008)

Sustainable Engineering Division

The Sustainable Engineering Division carries out evaluation of structural safety of urban infrastructure ranging from materials of structures to entire structures that deteriorate with time and also research for development of maintenance management technologies.

Urban Safety and Disaster Mitigation Division

The Urban Safety and Disaster Mitigation Division carries out development of management technologies to ensure structural safety of urban infrastructure from earthquake, floods and so on, and the safe use of the urban infrastructure during a disaster.

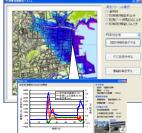
Infrastructure Information Dynamics Division

The Infrastructure Information Dynamics Division" constantly monitors various kinds of information related to urban infrastructure, and performs evaluation and development of dynamic control technologies to ensure safe operation of urban infrastructure during normal conditions and during emergencies.





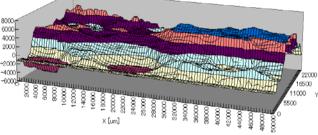




Researches (2008)

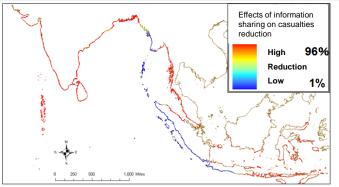






Green concrete

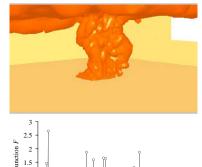
Corrosion quantification of steel reinforcement

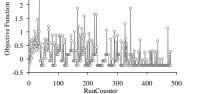


Effect of reducing casualties by multipurpose buoy system for tsunami monitoring and warning



Video observation of traffic flow





Optimization of smoke control system in fire



Seismic evaluation of timber houses in preserved historic districts

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Staff Members (2008)



Research Topics (2008) - Sustainable Engineering -



- Developmental framework and triple bottom line assessment for sustainable concrete materials
- Clarification and practical techniques for measurement of corrosion in RC structures
- RC structures maintenance planning based on risk evaluation
- Development of low cost and ecological repair method for RC structures damaged by fire
- Clarification of carbonation progress in RC structures
- Development of safe, easy and emergency repair method for structures damaged by disaster
- Inspection system during construction process for quality assurance of structural concrete
- Study on lifecycle management for civil infrastructure
- Development of rehabilitation techniques for old deteriorated buried pipes
- Study on long term behavior of buried structures
- Soil improvement by microbially induced cementation
- Study on the mechanism of underground cavity expansion
- Effects of repeated infiltration on volume change in earth structure

Projects (2008) - Sustainable Engineering -



Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research

- Maintenance planning and risk evaluation for deterioration of cracked RC structures
- Reliability on the lifetime prediction of deteriorated reinforced concrete structures
- Proposal of economic and rational techniques for construction, renewal and maintenance of buried pipes
- Study on the soil improvement by microbially induced cementation

Research Promotion Fund

- Study of the influence of crack and environmental conditions on carbonation progress

Collaborative Research

- Development of on-site judgment system for concrete volume stability
- Development of safe, easy and emergency repair method for disaster damaged structures

Others

- Durability-based life-cycle management of coastal concrete infrastructure
- Time dependency property of macro-cell corrosion in RC structure due to environmental and material non-homogeneity

Research Topics (2008) - Urban Safety and Disaster Mitigation



- Development of integrated information system for total disaster management
- Development of next generation disaster management manual for implementation of efficient countermeasures
- Quick estimation and monitoring of earthquake damage using the power supply changes
- System for promotion of retrofitting of low earthquake resistant structures
- Numerical simulation of total collapse behavior of structures
- Efficient and economic retrofitting method for masonry structures considering local availability of materials and workmanship
- Development of human evacuation model for tsunami disaster mitigation
- Study on functions of key disaster hospital and its disaster management manual system
- Earthquake-resistant assessment of wooden houses using dynamic properties evaluated through exciter induced vibration
- Assessment on capability of multipurpose buoy system for tsunami monitoring and warning
- Research on a regional child crime prevention support system for crime prevention leader

Projects (2008)

- Urban Safety and Disaster Mitigation -

Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research

- Proposal of integrated tsunami disaster mitigation strategies for long-term maintenance of tsunami monitoring and its application to developing countries
- Development of training simulator for disaster response
- Development of integrated assessment model of water resources for supporting sustainable water security policies
- Seismic capacity evaluation of RC building with unretrofitted concrete block walls
- Development of a design tool and educational materials for the promotion of economic retrofitting of low earthquake resistant masonry houses
- Development of package system of disaster response e-learning for hospitals

Research Promotion Fund

- Project for mitigation of metropolitan earthquake disaster: Study on widespread crisis management and establishment of disaster mitigation

Cooperative Research

- Development of references of examples of seismic evaluation and retrofitting for local government personnel
- Research project with Japan Bank for International Cooperation funding: Proposal of retrofitting technique of masonry structures with PP-band meshes
- Dynamic and large deformation analysis of railway structures
- Research project for safe and secure scientific technology: Ubiquitous Disaster Mitigation Information System with collaboration between citizens and local governments

Others

- Development of disaster management manual system for Tokyo University Hospital considering its functions as emergency base hospital

Research Topics (2008)



- Infrastructure Information Dynamics

- Estimation of GPP and NPP for deciduous tree using TERRA MODIS data and a Plant growth model (3-PG)
- Growth prediction of coniferous tree using ALOS PRISM data and a plant growth model (3-PG)
- Reconstruction of tree crown shape using LiDAR data
- Evaluation of forest creation and examination about application to landscape policy
- Investigation report on the use of remote sensing technology in large-scale disaster assessment
- Relaxation effect of urban greening on urban heat island
- Urban fire simulation using computational fluid dynamics (CFD) method
- Prediction of air pollution by wind tunnel experiments and numerical simulations
- Study on the mechanism of CO₂ emission in urban regions
- Seismic evaluation and reinforcement of detached timber houses
- Observation of the seismic performance of detached timber house
- Study of the spatial distribution of disaster logistics by GIS
- Verification of mixed reality traffic experiment system for driving behavior analysis
- Feasibility study of multi-purpose lane in urban arterial street
- Evaluation of traffic congestion alleviation policy by temporal demand distribution
- Evaluation of inter-green lost-time for appropriate signal control

Projects (2008) - Infrastructure Information Dynamics



Grant-Aid for Scientific Research

- Road plan and design based on hierarchical network structure
- Development of LES model coupled with chemical reaction model and the analysis of air pollutant behavior in micro-scale area

Research Promotion Fund

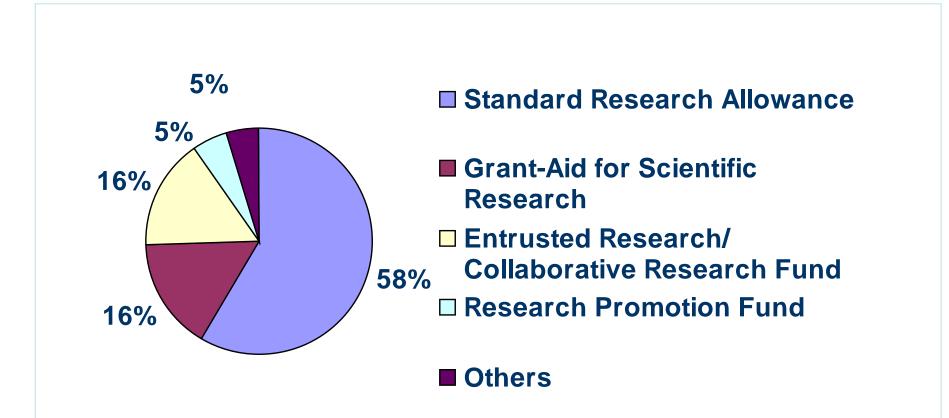
- Development of hybrid heat pump system for air and ground water source
- Study on human thermal physiological response to urban heat island effect
- Seismic evaluation for detached timber houses
- Observation of the yearly change for the Kintai-kyo bridge
- Research using integrated traffic simulator for dissemination of advanced ITS services

Collaborative Research

- Numerical prediction of thermal energy for geothermal heat pump system
- Effect of heat and pollutant release on urban climate
- Proposal of new model house design with energy efficiency for Riyadh in Saudi Arabia
- Deployment research of sustainable ITS
- Development of advanced ITS measurement vehicle

Budget (2008)





Memorandum of Understandings (2008)



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- Global U-City Construction & Information,	(Korea)
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Global Network (2008)

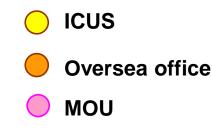


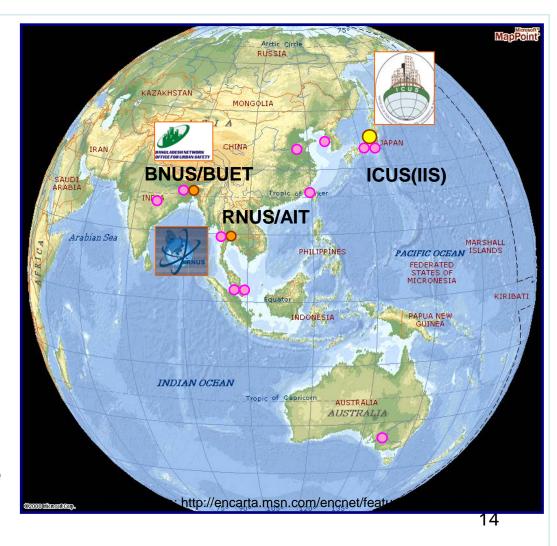
Overseas Offices

- RNUS at AIT, Thailand (Regional Network Office for Urban Safety)

- BNUS at BUET, Bangladesh

(Bangladesh Network Office for Urban Safety)





International Activities (BNUS,2008)



Projects

- Seismic microzonation for Cox's Bazar Municipality
- Rain induced hill-slope erosion/landslide and probable control measure in Chittagong hilly areas
- Natural slope stability analysis of some existing livestock shelters (Killas) for cyclones in Bangladesh
- Post disaster survey for cyclone SIDR 2007
- Macroseismic survey of two recent earthquakes (Rajshahi & Mymensingh) in Bangladesh in 2008
- Strong motion monitoring system in Bangladesh
- Mason training regarding earthquake resistant construction
- School Earthquake Safety Awareness Program (SESAP)
- Rethinking the public buildings as post disaster shelters in the context of old Dhaka
- Earthquake vulnerability reduction strategies for unplanned urban areas
- Sharing knowledge on disaster warning: community-based Last-Mile warning system

Workshops

- A training program for masons on "How to Build Earthquake Resistant Buildings" was conducted on October 16-18 (theoretical) and October 23-26 (practical), 2008.

Publications

- Cyclone SIDR report
- Mason training manual
- Annual report 2008

International Activities (RNUS,2008)



Projects

- Seismic Hazard and Vulnerability Mapping of Dhaka, Chitagong & Sylhet City Corporation
- Master Plan for Earthquake and Building Collapse Hazard Prevention and Mitigation (Phase 1)

Seminars

- Joint Student Seminar on Civil Infrastructure on July 3-4, 2008
- Seminar on "Remote Sensing" and "Urban Public Transport" on Sept. 16, 2008
- Workshop on Transportation Researches for Urban Safety on December 11, 2008

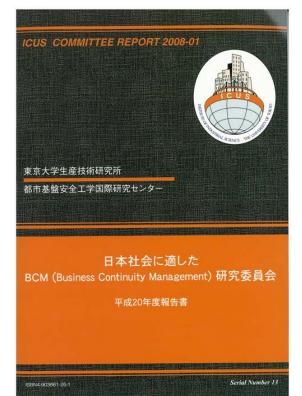
Activities

- RNUS signed contract on professional consulting services for one of its projects.
- Dr. Tanaka attended 1st and 2nd liaison meeting held in the Japanese embassies on June 20, September 19, 2008.
- RNUS team visited Bangladesh from June 29 to July 2, 2008 to investigate project progress and field assessment.
- Prof. Meguro joined Expert Group Meeting at UN-ESCAP in Thailand on November 19, 2008 and gave presentation .

RC58 & RC62 (2008)

- Business Continuity Management (BCM) systems suitable for Japan Society
- Technologies for evaluation of aging infrastructure performance degradation

The final report of The Research Committee 58 (RC58) was published and holed a forum on April 21 to report its result. The Research Committee 62 (RC62) was established to consider technologies for evaluation of aging infrastructure performance degradation.





RC58 meeting

Activities and Events (1) (2008)



Domestic

- 14th ICUS Open Lecture	(May 9, 2008)	IIS
"What impact does global warming hav	e on the city?"	
- SEIKEN Open House	(May 29- 31, 2008)	IIS
- 15th ICUS Open Lecture	(October 6, 2008)	IIS
"Strategy for ports and airports as base	s of traffic and physical dis	stribution"
- Research Committee 58 (RC58) Meeting	(5 times/year)	IIS
- Research Committee 62 (RC62) Meeting	(5 times/year)	IIS

International

- Japan-Korea-Thailand Joint Student Seminar (July 3-4, 2008)	AIT/Thailand
- The 14th WCEE: World Conference on Earthquake Engineering	
(October 12- 17, 2008)	Beijing/China
- 7th International Symposium on	
New Technologies for Urban Safety of Mega Cities in Asia	
(October 21-22, 2008)	Beijing/China

Activities and Events (2) (2008) Open House and Open Lectures

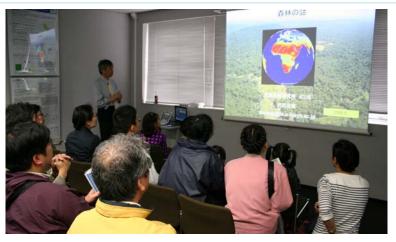






14th ICUS Open Lecture May 9, 2008

15th ICUS Open Lecture Oct. 6, 2008





IIS Open House May 29-31, 2008 19

Activities and Events (3) (2008) Symposium



7th International Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety of Mega Cities in Asia in Beijing, China (Oct. 21-22, 2008)



Participants: 106 persons (Japanese: 28 persons)²⁰

Publications (2008)



ICUS Newsletter	Volume 8, Numbers 1- 4
ICUS Report	2008 - 01 - 2008 - 08
"RNUS ANNUAL REPORT 2007"	
"Joint Student Seminar on Civil In	frastructures July 3-4, 2008"
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"Workshop on Transportation Res "BNUS ANNUAL REPORT 2008"	earches for Urban Safety"
ICUS Research Committee Report	2008 - 01
"Report on the Business Continuit	y Management truly suitable
for Japan Society"	
Annual Report	

ICUS Newsletters were sent to over 1,500 network members from about 150 countries, such as, foreign embassies, consultants, researchers, engineers and practitioners. The newsletters can be freely downloaded from "http://icus.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/".

Research Publications (2008)



	Sustainable Engineering Division	Urban Safety and Disaster Mitigation Division	Infrastructure Information Dynamics Division
IIS Bi-monthly Research Report (SEISAN KENKYU)	19	13	13
Books/Translated Books	3	4	4
Reviewed Papers/Journal Papers	9	8	15
Conference Papers (International)	38	20	20
Conference Papers (Domestic)	30	14	28
Survey Reports	0	0	2
Others	7	9	9
Total	106	68	91

ICUS Activities Recognized (2008)



Micheal Henry Word	July, 2008	The encouragement award	Japan Concrete Institute	Kato Lab.
Navaratnarajah Sathiparan	October, 2008	Young Award USMCA2008	USMCA2008	Meguro Lab.
Akiyuki Kawasaki	October, 2008	Young Award USMCA2008	USMCA2008	Meguro Lab.
Mayorca Arellano Paola	October, 2008	Outstanding Paper Award	14 th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering	ICUS
Mari Sato	March, 2009	Dean' s Prize of School of Engineering	The University of Tokyo	Kuwano Lab.



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