

Report on 16ARC bid of Chinese Taipei Geotechnical Society

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The fifteenth Asian Geotechnical Conf. on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering was held in Fukuoka International Convention Center on Nov. 9-12, 2015. In the late afternoon of November 10, a council meeting of Asian Geotechnical Societies was hosted by the Vice President for Asia of ISSMGE, Prof. Ikuo Towhata. ISSMGE President Prof. Roger Frank was at the Conf. and joined the meeting with the representatives from Asian Societies. A voting was made to decide the host of the sixteenth Conference. As in the beginning, three societies including Thai Geotechnical Society, Iranian Geotechnical Society and Chinese Taipei Geotechnical Society are in the campaign. After moderations among the AGSSEA council members, Thai Geotechnical Society kindly gave her courtesy and support to CTGS for the bid. Chinese Taipei finally received the permission to host 16ARC. The result of voting was 16:6 among the 22 Societies who are valid to vote. Taiwan as a young ISSMGE member successfully earned the host of 16ARC. The Conf. will be held in Taipei on October 21-25, 2019. The main theme of the Conf. is *Geotechnique for Sustainable Developments and Emerging Market Regions*. The International Advisory Board of 16ARC is chaired by Dr. Za-Chieh Moh while the Organizing Committee will be chaired by CTGS President Prof. Chang-Yu Ou. The Conf. website will be ready in May 2016. It is the sincere wish of CTGS that 16ARC will be warmly supported by Asian Societies and particularly the AGSSEA members. The advance of Geotechnical Technologies in Asia shall be shared again and remarked as a glory in ARCs history.



Group photo taken at Hakata Hyakunen-Kura hosted by CTGS on November 12, 2015