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International Conference on Geotechnical Engineering - 2010

The Pakistan Geotechnical Engineering Society (PGES) in collaboration with National Engineering Services Pakistan (NESPAK), University of Engineering & Technology (UET) Lahore and Associated Consulting Engineers (ACE) held its 1st International Conference on Geotechnical Engineering on November 5-6, 2010 at Lahore, Pakistan. Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi, Chairperson of Pakistan Engineering Council, was the Chief Guest at ICGE-2010. Dr. Tahir M. Hayat was the chairman of ICGE-2010 organizing committee. ICGE-2010 provided a forum for sharing of knowledge between the professionals who came from government departments, consulting engineers, academic institutions, contractors, and equipment suppliers both internationally and domestically. Interactive discussions led by prominent 'Invited Speakers', addressed the core issues challenging the field of Geotechnical Engineering today and the research required to face these challenges. The conference attracted around sixty abstracts from fourteen (14) different countries and thirty two complete manuscripts. One of the highlights of the conference was three invited lecturers by the renowned international geotechnical professionals, viz. Prof. Johann Golser (GEOCONSULT ZT GmbH/GEOCONSULT Consulting Engineers), Austria, Dr. Peter J. Mason (Int'l Dams and Hydropower) and Prof. Dr. Ikuo Towhata (University of Tokyo, Japan). Prof. Golser discussed 'Risk Management in Geotechnical Engineering', in his lecture. Similarly, 'Quantitative Risk Assessment in Dam Safety Practice', was delivered by Dr. Mason. Prof. Dr. Towhata delivered a talk on 'Effects of Weathering on Strength and Deformation Characteristics of Soft Rocks'. The conference received an overwhelming response and was a huge success.

An exhibition to display the recent developments in geotechnical engineering was also arranged in the vicinity of conference venue. Various contractors, consultants and manufacturers were invited to display their expertise, equipment, etc. It was appreciated by all delegates and participants and generated a lot of interest in the concerned professionals.

A post-conference tour took place on November 6 2010. During this tour the historical Lahore Fort was visited. The foreign delegates showed keen interest in the famous masterpiece of Mughal architecture. Pictures taken during the conference are presented below.



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