

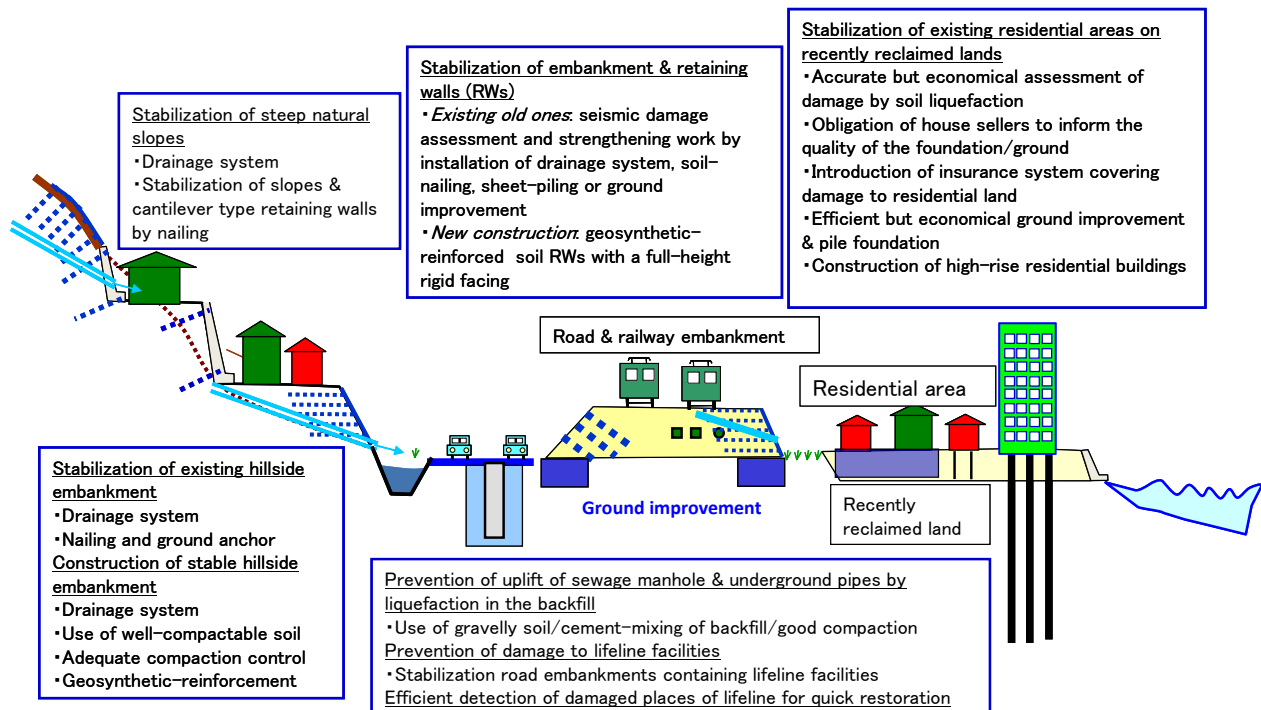
NEWS FROM MEMBER SOCIETY

The Japanese Geotechnical Society has published "Geo-hazards During Earthquakes and Mitigation Measures -Lessons and Recommendations from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake-". It covers the following contents and can be downloaded from:

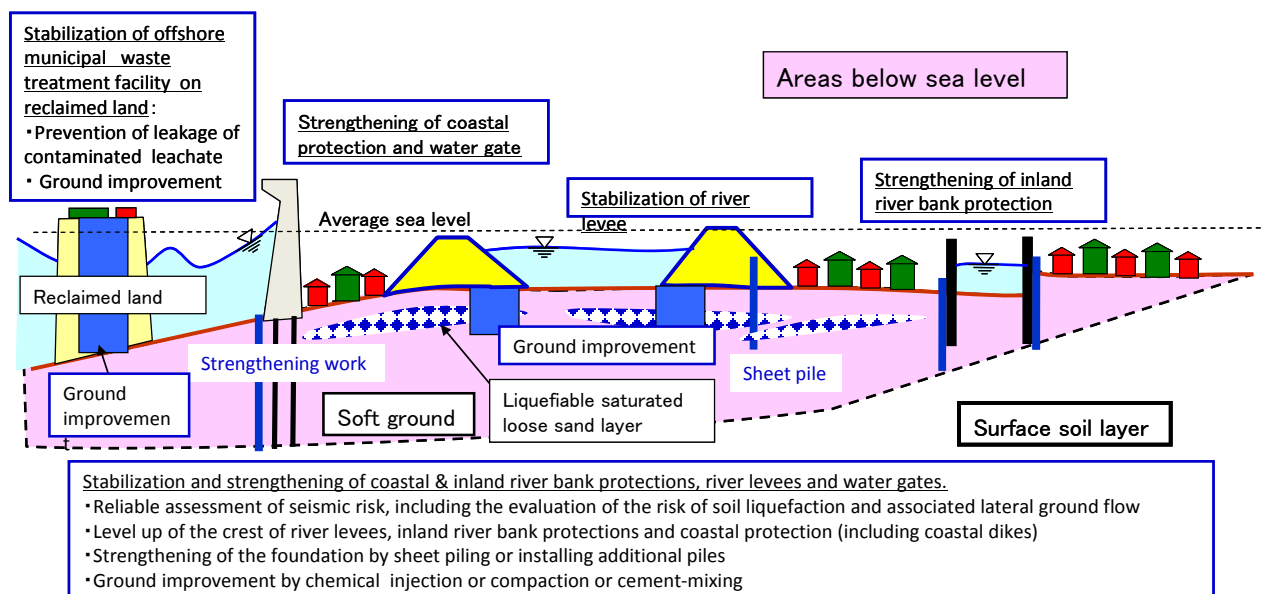
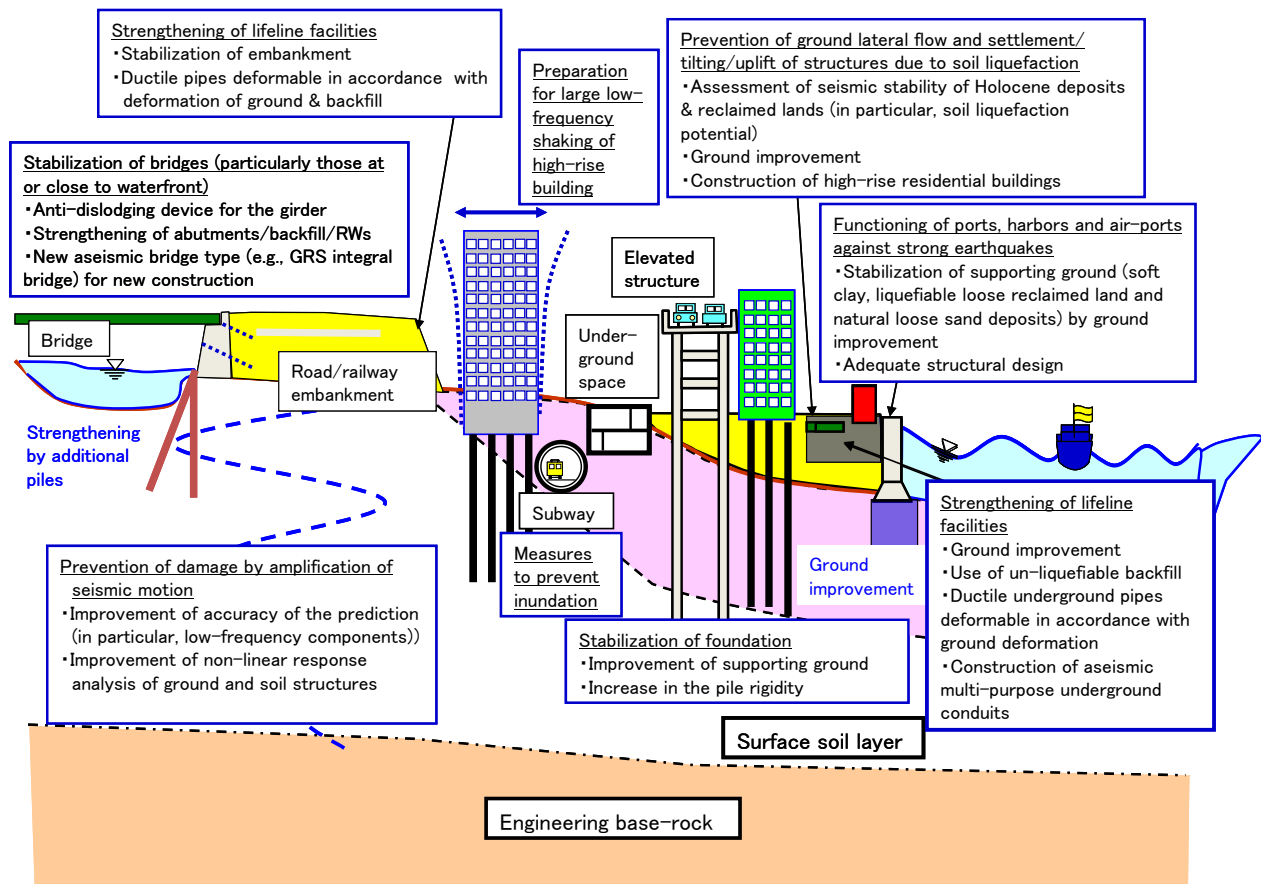
<http://www.jiban.or.jp/e/disaster-survey-information-of-2011-tohoku-earthquake-2/>

1. Introduction
2. Impact of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake
3. Characteristics of Geo-hazards, Issues Arising and Recommendations
4. Issues for Future Examination and Research

Application of various geotechnical technologies, as typically illustrated below, are proposed to prevent and reduce geo-disasters.



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NOTICE FROM MEMBER SOCIETY

Soils and Foundations Available Online at ScienceDirect in 2012

The Japanese Geotechnical Society will be publishing its journal, *Soils and Foundations*, online from the February 2012 issue in partnership with Elsevier to reach a wider international audience via the market-leading, electronic platform ScienceDirect, which currently has more than 15 million users worldwide. In order to maintain print subscribers, online one year delayed 'open access' availability of *Soils and Foundations* is possible via ScienceDirect, with immediate links to/from other articles in ScienceDirect and on other platforms. Articles of *Soils and Foundations* will be also covered in Scopus. In the October issue in 2012, *Soils and Foundations* will publish the Special Issue on the Great East Japan Earthquake and this issue is free to access from the world.

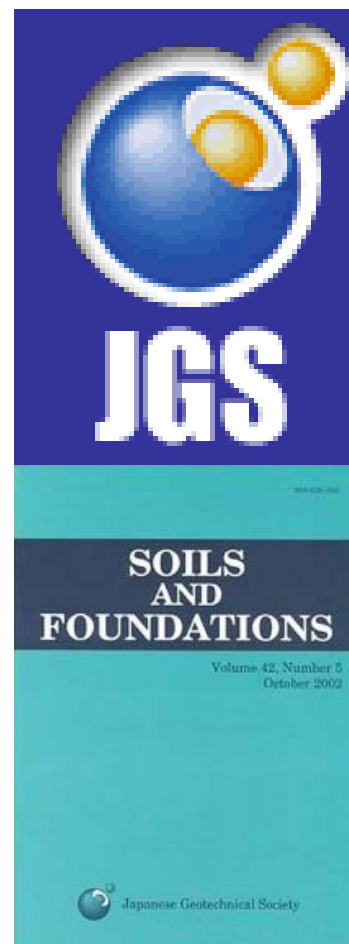
Soils and Foundations is a bi-monthly journal which covers the entire field of geotechnical engineering, including related disciplines. With Volume 1, issue No.1 in print in 1960, *Soils and Foundations* celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2010. This journal publishes research papers, reports of important engineering experiences, state-of-the-art reports and discussions on important themes. A concerted effort is made by the editorial board members to maintain the high quality of the journal by reviewing manuscripts in a careful and fair manner. Special attention, therefore, is paid to the novelty of each submission and how the readers will benefit from reading it, as well as to the practical applicability of the content. In addition, the editorial board is happy to provide advice to the authors of manuscripts to help them improve the quality of their submissions. One of the benefits to non-English-speaking authors is that the English in all the accepted manuscripts is improved by a native English speaker who works on technical papers in the field. Authors of the outstanding papers in this journal are entitled to apply for academic awards made by the Japanese Geotechnical Society. No publication fee applies up to a specified number of pages.

Soils and Foundations is abstracted and indexed in various services, including the following:

Science Citation Index-Expanded; Current Contents/Engineering, Computing and Technology; International Civil Engineering Abstract; Earthquake Engineering Abstracts; CiNii and J-STAGE.

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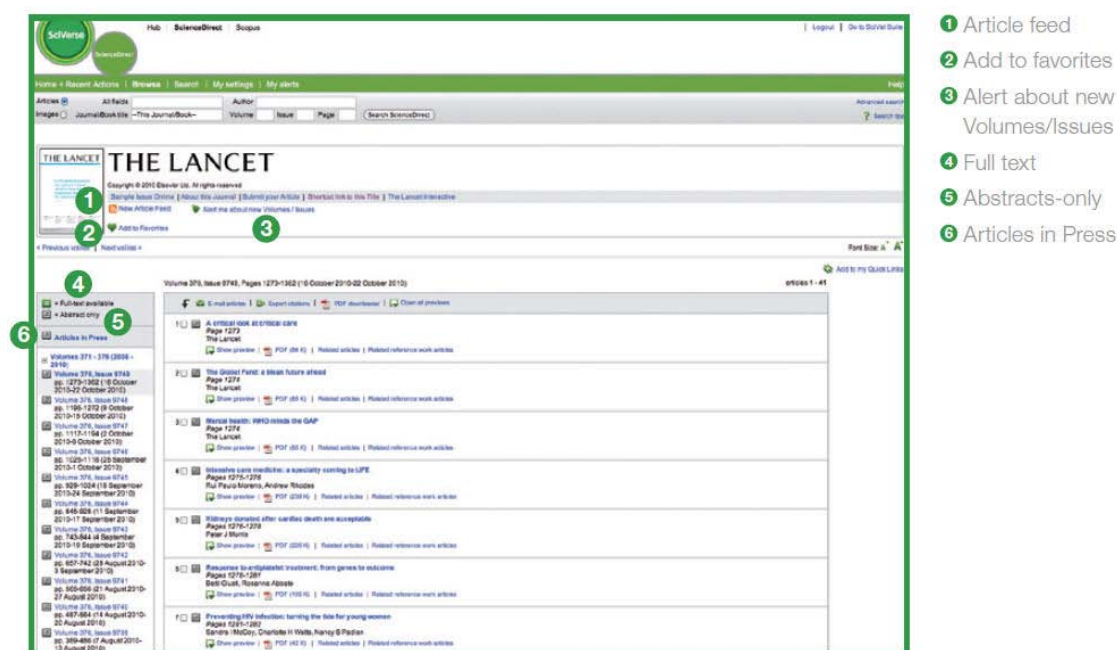
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Fig. 1: Example of one of journal's top page

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