

Activity of Member The Japanese Geotechnical Society

The Japanese Geotechnical Society (JGS) was established in 1949 with 122 members and joined the international society in the next year. As of December, 2006, JGS has about 13,000 members as summarized in the table below. Its organization consists of a board of directors, eight departments, nine domestic branches, and an administrative division.

Membership status	Individual	Corporate	Student
International	1,358	49	-
Domestic	10,153	1,159	903
Emeritus	110	-	-



The new building of the JGS Headquarters



Japanese traditional play as an attraction
during the banquet of 41st National Conference

JGS holds a four-day national conference on geotechnical engineering every year. The 41st conference held in 2006 attracted about 2,000 participants with 1,200 oral presentations. JGS has also enjoyed the honor of hosting two International Conferences on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering in 1977 and 2005, two Asian Regional Conferences in 1963 and 1987, and a number of International Symposiums and Workshops.

In order to support the activities of technical committees of ISSMGE (TCs) and its Asian region (ATCs), JGS organizes and operates domestic committees. Their current list is shown in the table below.

ISSMGE technical committees		Chairperson and memberships of corresponding JGS domestic committees
TC3	Geotechnics of Pavements	Yoshida, N. (Kobe Univ.) and 15 members
TC4	Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering and Associated Problems	Kokusyo, T. (Chuo Univ.) and 22 members
TC23	Limit State Design in Geotechnical Engineering	Honjo, Y. (Gifu Univ.) and 23 members
TC29	Laboratory Stress Strain Strength Testing of Geomaterials	Shimura, S. (Kobe Univ.) and 13 members
TC34	Prediction and Simulation Methods in Geomechanics	Oka, F. (Kyoto Univ.) and 28 members
TC35	Geo-Mechanics from Micro to Macro	Hyodo, M. (Yamaguchi Univ.) and 17 members
ATC3	Geotechnology for Natural Hazard	Yasuda, S. (Tokyo Denki Univ.) and 26 members
ATC8	Groundwater Environment and Quality Management	Nishigaki, M. (Okayama Univ.) and 12 members
ATC10	Urban Geo-Informatics	Todo, H. (Kiso-jiban Consultants Co., Ltd.) and 15 members
ATC17	Waste Management in Geo-Environmental Engineering	Kamon, M. (Kyoto Univ.) and 15 members

JGS publishes two periodicals. One is "Tsuchi to Kiso", a monthly journal in Japanese, first issued in 1953 and distributed to each member. The other is "Soils and Foundations", currently a bi-monthly technical journal in English, first issued in 1960, and distributed to all over the world. In 2006, JGS started to issue "Japanese Geotechnical Journal" as well, an on-line technical journal in Japanese. Among other activities, JGS has developed and published a series of technical standards on laboratory soil testing, site investigation and geotechnical design and construction. Some of them are available in English. JGS is also acting as a participating member for ISO/TCs 182, 190 and 221.

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