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TCDPAP-FIDIC-ASPAC International Conference at Lahore, Pakistan 2007

The TCDPAP-FIDIC-ASPAC International conference on “Engineering in Disaster Management” was held at Lahore Pakistan in 20-22 March 2007, hosted by Association of Consulting Engineers (ACEP) in association with Secretariat for Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (TCDPAP) and was joined by the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) and FIDIC Member Associations of Asia-Pacific Region (ASPAC).

ASPAC had given full support and contribution to the conference.

At the Conference, we discussed the role of engineers and engineering in respect of design, construction and environmental issues and could share our experience and the knowledge for disaster reduction. Participation was from various countries, and approximately 350 delegates attended including foreign and local participants.



Inaugural Session-during the TCDPAP Conference at Lahore
L - R : Mr. K.U. Chaudry, Mr. M. Haque, Mr. A.M. Saleem,
Dr. J.D. Padilla & Mr. A. Hirovani

ASPAC Extra Meeting at Lahore

The ASPAC Extra Meeting was also held during the Conference on 21st March 2007. We discussed our future activities such as Open website, Training of Trainers by FIDIC, and Participation in FIDIC Conference 2007 Singapore, etc.

Participants were ASPAC Executive Committee members, Mr.Akihiko Hirovani (ASPAC Chair), Mr.K.K.Kapila (CEAI, India) and Mr.Karamat Ullah Chaudry (ACEP, Pakistan), and representatives from ASPAC Member Associations from Bangladesh, Japan, India, Korea and Nepal. Mr.Enrico Vink, FIDIC Secretary, also joined us as an observer.

Point of the meeting

- Mr.Hirovani welcomed all delegates to the meeting and presented the Agenda for the meeting, such as open the ASPAC Website and ASPAC Region News and Training Program supported by FIDIC, FIDIC Conference 2007 Singapore and future activities planned. He also showed that all the Agenda would need to be approved by the ASPAC General Assembly Meeting in next September.



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- Mr. Enrico Vink, FIDIC Secretary encouraged MAs to share information with FIDIC to understand what's happening in the region, and to hear our experiences and needs.
- **ASPAC Website:** The ASPAC website, which is in FIDIC regions site, would be renewed by AJCE. New ASPAC website, which is in AJCE server, would be updated appropriately, supported by AJCE secretariat. When the website is ready, we have temporarily opened the website, and every member associations of FIDIC can pay a visit to this homepage and give us the comment.
- **ASPAC Region News:** This is ASPAC Region News can also introduce ASPAC activities and issues in our region. Subject to support from ASPAC MAs, we expect to distribute two or three issues per year.
- **Training of Trainers by FIDIC:** FIDIC conducts training of trainers coming from the Asia-Pacific Region who will be accredited to eventually conduct FIDIC trainings in their respective countries. FIDIC also would offer the training program for MAs in a more economic and cost effective way.
- **Remarks by Mr. Kapila regarding Project Management Issue:** Mr. Kapila, Executive Committee of ASPAC, pointed out the problems in the project management that contractors tend to pick up work at low rates. He also explained the concept of lowest bidder, that needs to be corrected to the bidder with lowest workable rates and the mechanism needs to be put in place in the FIDIC document to cover this aspect.
- **FIDIC Conference 2007 Singapore:** ASPAC would seize initiative in taking responsibility for one of nine workshops in the Conference, namely WS1: New Market Opportunities. China or India is a presumable target for its enormous market. We would recommend a speaker from China or India association for the WS1.
- Chairman informed that he received 4 country reports from Philippine (CECOPHIL), Bangladesh (BACE), Japan (AJCE), and Pakistan (ACEP).
- The end of the meeting, he thanked members for their strong support.



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Country report from Member Associations

We are pleased to inform you the activity of our member associations.

ACEP (Pakistan) Association of Consulting Engineers of Pakistan

- ACEP conducts some seminars and conferences, such as Awareness creating in Consultants regarding Earthquake design requirements of Karachi Building Control Authority (KBCA)
- ACEP plans to initiate following training programs to improve technical abilities of available para-engineering staff and fresh engineers to achieve better Engineering Works. Impart short relevant training to new entrants to make them useful at soon as possible. Arrange Refresher Courses for Engineers and Supervisor already holding licenses and working at site so as to improve quality of works. Arrange short advance courses for Engineers and Supervisor for Mega Projects.
- ACEP has published a book on the Seismic city of Karachi with title “Seismic Zoning of Karachi and Recommendation for Seismic Design of Buildings” and plan to conduct similar studies on the seismic city of other large cities e.g. Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar etc.

BACE (Bangladesh) Bangladesh Association of Consulting Engineers

- BACE conducts some Seminars, Conferences and Workshops in 2006-2007
 1. Development of Consulting Engineering Services-ADB/BACE Workshop held at RDEC/LGED on 17-18 April, conducted by Mr Terrence N Woods, Procurement Specialist, ADB
 2. Seminar on “Best Practices in Construction Management”-by Mr Andrew Hollway, Train-Consultant, HPR, 22 March, 2007
 3. Moving Away From Personnel Management to Human Resource, Management-10 Workshops: From January-December 2007
 4. “Protective Coating Concrete Additives and Electro-Chemical Repairs of Civil Engineering Structures-3 Workshops from January-December 2007
 5. Replacement of Culverts/Bridges with new Innovative Techniques –2 Seminars
 6. Integration of Environmental and Quality Management Systems – 1Workshop including factory visit (12 April, 2007)
 7. Seminar on Implementation of “Bangladesh New Building Code”(BNBC)-1Seminar(already held)
 8. Seminar on: Infrastructure Investment Facilitation Consultancy (IIFC) for private Sector (July 2007)
 9. Seminar on: Public Procurement Act 2003 for consulting services supply and constitution (July 2007)



AJCE (Japan) *Association of Japanese Consulting Engineers*

- AJCE plans the several seminar and training programs. The latest information and data on consulting engineer (CE) activities around the world is made available through AJCE annual seminar.
- AJCE also has Young Professional Exchange Program (YPEP) that had been continuing for about ten years creating internationally minded young engineers.
- AJCE collects current information related to CE activities and overseas contractual standards, and publishes their Japanese versions. We also introduce our activities to inside and outside of Japan through the Home Page and the Newsletter.

CECOPHIL (Philippines) *Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines*

- CECOPHIL have celebrated our 30th Year Anniversary last year, 2006.
- The council is linking with the local universities to increase quality and quantity of graduates to supply the demand for engineers both locally and globally. They have joined the Government's thrust to setup outsourcing outfits to supply the growing demand for knowledge process outsourcing in the global market.
- CECOPHIL is targeting to setup a FIDIC seminar in the country either on Sustainable Development or on Integrity Management. Hopefully this will be on the latter half of the year, and is also working with ADB to jointly conduct a FIDIC seminar on FIDIC contracts.

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