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a) Collaboration through a seminar for experts from China and South Korea

On the afternoon of July 15th, a seminar on Japanese Building Codes was held for experts in the architectural profession from China and South Korea (organized by the Council of Forest Industries Canada) in Kobe, Japan. Mr. Tomohiro Hasegawa, the general manager of the International Dept. of BCJ, gave a presentation on “Building Codes and Building Control Systems in Japan”, as a lecturer. The Q&A session was very lively and debate continued even after the seminar was over.



Seminar attendees and Mr. Hasegawa (BCJ)

b) Collaboration with the Mongolian Association of Civil Engineers through a seminar

At the request of the Mongolian Association of Civil Engineers, Dr. Toshio Okoshi, an expert from BCJ, attended a seminar in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, as a lecturer. The title of the seminar

was “Building Safety and Performance Based Design”, and was held on June 12th. The title of his presentation was “Building Structural Safety in Japan: The administrative aspect” and “Building Structural Safety in Japan: The technical aspect“. About 100 civil engineers, including many engineers from the National Center for Construction, Urban Development and Public Utilities of Mongolia attended the seminar.



Dr. Okoshi (BCJ) giving presentation



Photo in the seminar room

BCJ shall continue to carry on with the exchange of information-mostly technical-for Mongolian experts as part of the development of our relationship with the Mongolia Center. (In 2006, the Mongolia Center and BCJ signed a memorandum of agreement for the exchange of information in the field of building technologies.)

c) JICA Group Training Course 2009: “Building Codes and Control Systems (Building Safety and Social/Environmental Considerations)”

JICA (Japan International Cooperation agency) invites people to Japan from developing countries and conducts group training courses in various fields as part of international technical-collaboration programs. BCJ was entrusted with one of those group training courses: “Building Codes and Control Systems (Building Safety and Social/Environmental



Group photo after a lecture at BCJ

Considerations)” and conducted it from May 18th to June 25th. This fiscal year, seven participants from seven different countries participated in the course. The program of the course was composed of lectures and on-site observations, mainly based on themes such as structural safety, fire prevention and evacuation safety, energy saving, and barrier-free. At the end of the course, the participants gave presentations on action plans to improve building codes and control systems in their respective countries based on what they learned in the program.

d) IYSH Housing Seminar

The Japan Housing Association holds an 8-day seminar every year, supported by funds from the IYSH (International Year of Shelter for the Homeless) memorial foundation. BCJ is entrusted by the Japan Housing Association with the operations of the seminar and conducted this year's event from Aug. 18 to Aug. 25. This fiscal year, 13 foreign students from six different countries and one Japanese student participated in the seminar. The



Lecture (Adachi Ward)



On-site observation (Nikko Toshogu Shrine)

seminar began with presentations and exchanges of opinions on the living environment of each participant's home city. The participants had a full agenda throughout the seminar, with a great variety of lectures and on-site observations on the housing situation and housing policy in Japan, the improvement of crowded city blocks, the redevelopment of coastal areas, a visit to the institute of housing-technology, and preservation of historical cityscapes. They all agreed that they had made a good achievement.



Group photo at Harumi Triton Square

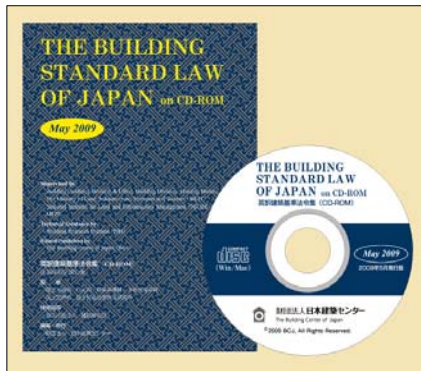
§ 2. BCJ Publications in English

a) Introduction to the Building Standard Law of Japan

BCJ has published an English document that presents an outline of the Building Standard Law of Japan: “Introduction to the Building Standard Law -Japanese Building Codes and Building Control Systems-”, which is on the BCJ website. This is a document to facilitate in the understanding of the Building Standard Law of Japan and its related regulations. It may be useful, along with the English version of the Building Standard Law of Japan, for foreigners who want to understand the Building Standard Law of Japan and for Japanese people who want to introduce the Building Standard Law of Japan to foreigners. The document may be downloaded for free from the webpage below.

<http://www.bcj.or.jp/en/services/reference.html>

b) The Building Standard Law of Japan on CD-ROM (May 2009)



Price: ¥10,000

(¥500 consumption tax will be added to purchases in Japan)

Date: PDF format

Pages: 1,120 (Print Size: A4)

CD-ROM (Windows/Macintosh)

Date of publication: 2009.5.28

As we informed you in a previous BCJ WEB NEWS (Special Issue), BCJ has published “The Building Standard Law of Japan on CD-ROM (May 2009)”. This is an English translation of the Japanese building code. It includes all of the amendments enforced through June 1, 2008. We will be very pleased if this booklet proves helpful for English speakers who are interested in the Building Standard Law of Japan.

The translation and the editing of the material were supervised by *Building Guidance Division and Urban Building Division of the Housing Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism*, and by *National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management*. Technical guidance was provided by *Building Research Institute*.

For more detailed information, and to purchase this booklet:

<http://www.bcj.or.jp/en/services/publication.html>

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