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§ 1 . New President of BCJ

On July 20, 2011, Mr. Jin Matsuno assumed the duties of the President of BCJ. Mr. Matsuno has more than thirty years of experience in building-and-housing administration at the former Ministry of Construction and at the current Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. Mr. Makoto Tateishi, former President of BCJ, is now an advisor to BCJ.

Please visit our website to read the message from the new President;

<http://www.bcj.or.jp/en/about/message.html>

§ 2 . The 16th WFTAO Meeting

BCJ co-held the 16th WFTAO (World Federation of Technical Assessment Organizations) annual meeting, along with CBL (Center for Better Living) from September 19 to 22 at BCJ, in Tokyo. This was the second time for BCJ and CBL to host the WFTAO meeting as Japanese representative-organizations; the first time was in 1999. BCJ and CBL have been WFTAO members since the establishment of the federation in 1996.

The meeting was attended by 10 member organizations from 9 countries including BCJ and CBL.

The participants exchanged information on the current situations and activities of their organizations and related information and opinions. BCJ gave an update report and a report on damage from the March 11th earthquake and



2011 WFTAO Tokyo Meeting at BCJ

tsunami. We also discussed how to better promote WFTAO, and the possibility of admitting new members.

The next meeting will be held in Czech Republic in September 2012.



Participants of 2011 WFTAO Tokyo Meeting and the supporting staff of BCJ and CBL

On Sep. 21, after the Annual Meeting, BCJ and CBL held an open seminar on “Approaches to Environmental Considerations for Building Products”, in which Dr. Shuzo Murakami, Chief Executive of Building Research Institute gave the keynote speech: “R & D of LCCM (Life-Cycle Carbon-Minus) Housing”, followed by presentations by three overseas WFTAO members and CBL.

The presentations given by the WFTAO members were as follows:

- Current trends of development and technical assessment of innovative environmentally-friendly building products in Europe (Mr. Thomas Bruun, Manager of ETA Danmark, Secretary General of WFTAO)
- From EPD's to environmental performances of buildings, the INIES and ELODIE approach (Mr. Bruno Mesureur, Director of International Affairs of CSTB)
- Technical evaluations of building products for compliance with environmental and sustainability requirements in the United States (Mr. Michael Beaton, Senior Vice President of ICC-ES)
- Certification of environmentally-friendly housing components in Japan (Mr. Jun-ichi Murakami, Executive Director of CBL)



International seminar, Sep. 21, 2011 in Tokyo

The seminar offered a lot of new information and drew great interest from the Japanese audience concerning the approaches of environmentally-friendly building products to building sustainability around the world. Although a big typhoon hit Tokyo on that day, seventy-seven people attended the seminar.

The presentations given in this seminar will be uploaded onto the BCJ website by the end of November.

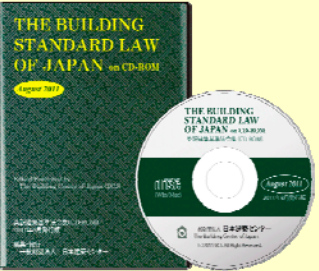
§ 3. BCJ Publications in English

Revised Version: The Building Standard Law of Japan on CD-ROM (August 2011)

This is the revision of the English translation of the Japanese building code. It includes all of the amendments enforced through December 22, 2010.

For more detailed information, and to purchase this CD-ROM, please visit:

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

	<p>The Building Standard Law of Japan on CD-ROM (August 2011)</p> <p>Price: ¥10,000 (¥500 consumption tax will be added to purchases in Japan)</p> <p>Date: PDF format</p> <p>Language: English</p> <p>Pages: 1,124 (Print Size: A4)</p> <p>CD-ROM (Windows/Macintosh)</p> <p>Date of publication: 2011.8.31</p> <p>ISBN: 978-4-88910-156-0</p>
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§ 4. Notice of Office Relocation

BCJ's head office is scheduled for relocation to the address below, as of November 7, 2011.

New address: 1-9, Kanda-Nishikicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 101-8986, Japan

The new telephone numbers are listed below:

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Technical Assessment Dept.	5283-0468	5281-2824
Building Confirmation and Inspection Dept.	5283-0469	5281-2825
Structural Safety Judgment Dept.	5283-0475	5281-2826
System Assessment and Registration Dept.	5283-0476	5281-2827
Information Service Dept.	5283-0477	5281-2828
International Dept.	5283-0479	5281-2822

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