

# The 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

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The Deputy Chairman, Ir. Yee Yew Weng attended the 15th Asian Regional Conference (ARC) on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (15ARC) in the City of Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan on 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The theme of the conference was “New Innovations and Sustainability” and the paper presented covered this theme well.

This was the biggest ARC in the history in terms of attendance and number of papers presented. Altogether 887 delegates from 35 countries attended and 560 papers deliberated. The organising chairman, Prof. Towhata introduced ARC as a Low Cost Conference (LCC) because ARC Fukuoka offered participation at less than USD 500.

During the conference, Ir. Yee Yew Weng also attended the Association of Geotechnical Societies in South East Asia (AGSSEA) Informal Meeting, as well as the Asian Societies Meeting of The International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE). At the later meeting, Chinese Taipei Geotechnical Society was voted to be the host of the 16<sup>th</sup> ARC.



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*Main Hall for Keynote Papers*



*Asian Societies Meeting, ISSMGE*



*Asian Societies Leaders' Dinner*