

Taiwan - the Heart of Asia

Taiwan was known as “Ilha Formosa” which means “The Beautiful Island” in Portuguese for centuries, and it certainly is. The island rests at the western edge of the Pacific Ocean, off the east coast of China. With over 22 million populations, Taiwan is not only well-known for its vibrant night life but also the natural beauty.

Taiwanese culture is rich and unique. Well-traveled tourists will marvel at Taiwan’s breath-taking landscape peppered with natural waterfalls, lakes and hot springs and its many hillsides that are clouded with mist. The ubiquitous pagodas and temples around the island hint at the locals’ deep spirituality while its modern skyscrapers, shopping malls, and commercial facilities herald Taiwan’s growing economic presence in the modern world. This interesting mix of a storied past and a progressive present make Taiwan a fascinating study of the old and the new.



Taipei

Taipei is the political, economic, educational, and cultural center of Taiwan, and one of the major hubs of the Chinese-speaking world.

Not merely the political and economic center, Taipei is best-known as an international metropolis abundant with a vibrant contrast of the old and the modern cultures. You are welcomed to immerse yourself in centuries-old temples and historical sites to enjoy the old Taipei.

It is possible to experience the urban and the natural side of Taipei coexisting side by side. Just a few minutes away from the heart of the city, you can soak yourself in mineral-rich hot springs nestled in the lush mountain. And throughout the city, there are plenty of trails, parks, and other natural spots for you to discover.

With such a diverse range of attractions, convenient mass transportation and a grand selection of dining and accommodation options, Taipei is a perfectly ideal destination for both 1 day and 1 week stay.



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Welcome
to Taiwan



Dear Distinguished Colleagues and Friends,

The Sixteenth Asian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (16ARC) is going to be held on October 14~18, 2019 at Taipei International Convention Center (TICC) in Taipei, Taiwan. The Conf. is organized by Chinese Taipei Geotechnical Society under the auspice of ISSMGE Board. The Conf. website is www.16arc.org.

The theme of 16ARC is "Geotechnique for Sustainable Development and Emerging Market Regions". It will cover a wide spectrum of following subjects,

- Soil properties and ground characterization – SF01
- Engineering geology and rock mechanics – SF02
- Dam, levee, and embankment – SA03
- Slopes and debris flow – SA04
- Soil dynamics and geotechnical earthquake engineering – SFA05
- Underground space and deep excavation – SA06
- Tunneling – SA07
- Foundations – SA08
- Geosynthetics – SA09
- Ground improvement – SA10
- Geoenvironmental engineering – SA11
- Offshore geotechnics – SA12
- Forensic geotechnical engineering – SI13
- Geotechnical risk and reliability – SI14
- Energy geotechnics – SI15
- Geo-education – SI16
- Case history – SI17

We are now very pleased to announce the Important Dates for paper collections at this Conference. The estimated number of papers to be presented at 16ARC (both oral and poster) is 500+. Ten 1.5-hour time slots for five parallel sessions are planned to accommodate the oral presentation papers. The paper quota of each Asian member society is allocated based on the number of ISSMGE members and the data of previous conferences. Please kindly follow the designated number of papers to disseminate the messages to your ISSMGE members.

IMPORTANT DATES of 16ARC

● Abstract Due Date – 2018.03.31

- For abstracts from Asian societies, each Society please provides the list of abstracts and the abstracts to the organizer on the due course.
- For individual abstracts from non-Asian regions, please submit via the conf. website, status of the author will be verified by the organizer through ISSMGE Secretary Office.
- For TC/ATC session host, please provide the list of abstracts and the abstracts to the organizer on the due course. The deadline for TC/ATC abstracts can be extended to 2018.05.31 upon the sorted information of abstracts provided by organizer.
- ABSTRACT template will be available on 16ARC website.

● Abstract Acceptance – 2018.06.30

Notice for acceptance of the abstracts will be announced by 16ARC organizer to Asian societies/individuals at other regions/TC&ATCs.

● Full-Paper Collections – 2018.09.30

- For Asian societies, all the papers need to be collected and submitted through society office.
- For individual papers at non-Asian regions, please submit via the conf. website, status of the author will be verified by the organizer through ISSMGE Secretary Office.
- For TC/ATC session host, please help to collect the papers through committee secretary.
- Full-paper template will be available on 16ARC website.

● Reviews and Revisions – 2018.10.01~2019.01.20

- For Asian societies, please help to make the reviews/revisions at your society. The accepted papers are to be submitted through society office with a confirmed list.
- For individual papers from non-Asian regions, the organizer will make the reviews.
- For TC/ATC session host, please help to make the reviews/revisions before submitting the final papers.

● Final paper received – 2019.01.31

All the final papers should be received by 16ARC organizer upon the due date.

● Notice of oral/poster presentation after overview – 2019.04.30

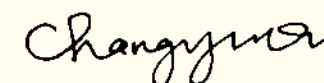
TC/ATC session papers (oral presentation) will be noted by 16ARC organizer via the helps of TC/ATC officers. Other papers will be notice by 16ARC organizer.

We sincerely hope that 16ARC will provide a good platform for scholars and practitioners to share and exchange the updated knowledge on Geotechnique. The great energies and opportunities provided at the emerging markets and sustainable developments in Asian countries will receive worldwide attentions. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any query or in need of further information. We cordially welcome you at 16ARC and thank you for your kind supports to make 16 ARC successful and remarkable to continue the Glories of ARCs!

Truly yours,



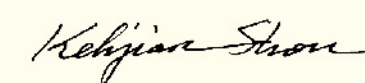
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