

International Affairs Committee has tried to identify various demands and difficulties faced by international students studying civil engineering in Korea. These students potentially are world leaders in civil engineering who will benefit KSCE and civil engineering in Korea enormously in the future. A very important meeting during the 2009 KSCE Annual Conference was the International Students Meeting participated by the society's President, President-Elect, International Affairs Chairman, Executive Director, 24 international students, and other staff and conference participants. The International Students Meeting was started last year in the 2008 conference. The objectives are to identify the needs of the international students in general and to proceed with specific measures that the society can implement to alleviate common problems and thus, improve the educational experience for international students in Korea. A related article is in the December issue of the KSCE monthly magazine *Harmony with Man and Nature*. Not long ago, Korea was struggling to recover from the ruins of Korean War(1950~1953), needing aid from anywhere willing to offer, and many countries and personnel from abroad willingly gave helping hands in many intangible forms. One of them was educational opportunities in the advanced countries in America and Europe. Many young Koreans went abroad to learn and many of those who returned home have leadership roles in various sectors of the Korean society now. Back then, foreign Korean students were financially poor, culturally crude, literally unprepared, and technically ill equipped. But the universities in America and Europe welcomed these foreign students with scholarships, financial aids in terms of research and teaching assistantships, and unprejudiced opportunities to learn. The teachers valued the Korean students' hard working ethics and endless desire to learn. When these students have properly matured the teachers accepted them fully as colleagues in the field. Many returning Koreans have been involved in developing and advancing the technology and the society. They have played an essential role in making Korea what it is today. The foreign universities that the Koreans have studied in general provided a fair environment with endless opportunities, much more so than the society. Teachers in general were sincere in their fundamental task of educating the students, irrespective of nationality. It is timely to recall these memories and offer these opportunities to international students studying in Korea.



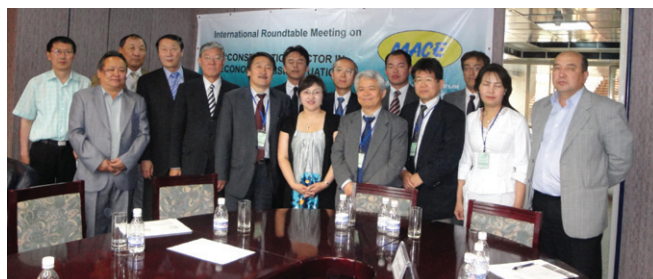
After International Students Meeting at the 2009 KSCE Annual Conference

2009 KSCE Delegations' Participation in AOC Societies and Institutions' Annual Conferences and Meetings

KSCE has international Agreement of Cooperation(AOC) with 17 national engineering societies and institutions. In 2009, we had delegations present in the annual conferences and meetings of four of our AOC societies and institutions. In June (11~13), President Pyun Chong Kun gave a presentation on "Construction Sector in Economic Crisis Situation" at the International Round Table Meeting(IRTM) of the Mongolian Association of Civil Engineers(MACE) Annual Meeting. The delegation to the 64th Japan Society of Civil Engineers(JSCE) Annual Meeting in September (2~4) included President Pyun Chong Kun, Vice-President Sim Jongsung, International Affairs Chairman Yoon Chongyul, Executive Director Lim Choong-Soo and Deputy Manager Song Hyunsun where Chairman Yoon gave a presentation on "Recently Environmentally Friendly Civil Construction in Korea" at the IRTM. In October (28~30), President Pyun led the delegation that included Executive Director Lim, ACECC Committee Chairman Lee Tai Sik and Director Chung Moonkyung to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)'s 139th Civil Engineering Conference where Director Chung presented a talk on "Green Growth Issues in Korea" at the IRTM. In November(19~21), Vice-President Woo Hyoseop and Deputy Manager Jeon Ji Yeon were at the Chinese Institute of Civil and Hydraulic Engineering (CICHE) Annual Meeting and Vice-President Woo spoke on "Streaming of Close-to-Nature River Restoration Works for Alleviation of Flood Hazards" at the IRTM.



KSCE Delegation at the 2009 JSCE Annual Meeting's Banquet



KSCE Delegation with other representatives at the 2009 MACE Annual International Round Table Meeting