

## Event Report

### 10<sup>th</sup> IPA Press-in Seminar 2017 in Kochi held in July

The 10<sup>th</sup> IPA Press-in Engineering Seminar in Kochi was held on 20 July 2017 and 294 participants from 11 countries attended. The IPA Research Committee organised this seminar, with the support of the Kochi Prefecture Government, the Kochi Institute of Invention and Innovation, and ten other organizations.

First of all, Dr Stuart Haigh, a senior lecturer at the University of Cambridge, delivered the opening address. In his speech, he mentioned the importance of the IPA's activities by comparing Implant structures created by Press-in technique with conventional coastal structures during the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake.

Then, four interesting lectures were presented, "Singapore Experiences in Press-in" by Prof. Leung Chun Fai of the National University of Singapore, "Tubular Pile Press-in Method, Press-in Method Application in Bangladesh" by Mr Tsunenobu Nozaki of GIKEN LTD., "Development of a New Steel Sheet-pile Method for the Settlement of Embankment -PFS method-" by Prof. Jun Otani of the Kumamoto University and "Development and Construction Examples of Sheet Pile Foundations" by Dr. Hidetoshi Nishioka of the Railway Technical Research Institute. The main contents of the 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation (Prof. Otani) are reproduced in this issue of the IPA Newsletter. Additionally, the remaining three presentations are scheduled to be accordingly reproduced in the following issues.

Finally, to close the conference, Mr Ishihara of the IPA director summarized each presentation and announced two technical committees held on the next day, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Press-in Engineering 2018 (in short, ICPE2018) in Kochi, Japan.



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Overview of IPA Press-in Seminar