

Report

IPA President's visit to Tokyo Headquarters

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I became the President of IPA in June 2020 succeeding Prof Osamu Kusakabe who had completed his two terms of office. I started serving my second term as IPA President in July 2022. Owing to the pandemic, the IPA Board of Director Meetings had been held online for the past two years. With the recent relaxation of entry to Japan, I visited the IPA Tokyo Headquarter in mid-July 2022 and this was the first time I visited the Headquarter since becoming IPA President. I chaired the Board of Directors Meeting on 11 July 2022 in hybrid mode with the presence of many directors physically from Japan as well as many directors taking part online from outside Japan (Photo 1). Besides the usual matters to be dealt with by the Board, I briefed the Board on the progress of the International Conference on Press-in Engineering (ICPE) to be held in Singapore in July 2024. It is also planned that the next Board of Directors Meeting to be physically held in Singapore in November 2022 in conjunction with an IPA seminar to be held back-to-back.



Photo 1. IPA Board meeting in Tokyo

On 12 July 2022, I took the opportunity to hold an informal meeting with the IPA Secretariat support staff. One of the key topics discussed at the meeting is on the detailed planning and execution of ICPE2024.

On 13 July 2022, I paid a courtesy call to Mr. Moribe, President of GIKN LTD., in Tokyo. We exchanged ideas on the promotion of press-in piling particularly on the use of the Press-in technique on tackling climate change issues such as carbon neutral, environmental and coastal protection that have been constructed, under construction, or under planning in many countries worldwide.

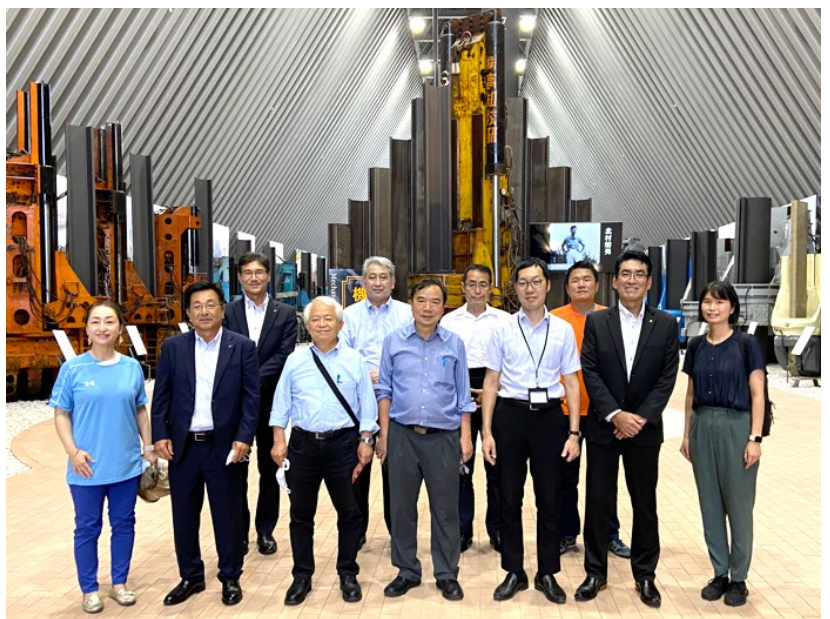


Photo 2. Group photo in the Museum of Piling Machines

On 14 July, I together with the key personnel of the IPA Secretariat paid a courtesy call to IPA Honorary President Mr. Kitamura in Kochi. Before the meeting, the team has the opportunity to visit the new Museum of Piling Machines and exhibitions which will be officially open to visitors by GIKEN in the near future (Photo 2). During the meeting, fruitful interaction and exchange of ideas on the evolution of the Press-in technique was fondly discussed.