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Event Report

21st Southeast Asian Geotechnical Conference and 4th AGSSEA Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 25-27 October 2023

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The 21st Southeast Asian Geotechnical Conference and 4th Association of Geotechnical Societies in Southeast Asia (AGSSEA) was held on 25-27 October, 2023, at the Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Center at Central World, Bangkok, Thailand (Photo 1 and 2). The conference was organized by the South East Asian Geotechnical Society (SEAGS), Engineering Institute of Thailand under H. M. The King's Patronage, and the Thai Geotechnical Society (TGS), and under the auspices of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE).

The conference was attended by more than 240 experts from 19 countries with the main theme "Innovative geotechnology to meet new challenges in the region and beyond". The technical program consisted of five keynote lectures as well as parallel session covering topics on seismic geotechnics, admixture in geotechnics, foundations, ground improvement, numerical analysis, sustainability in geotechnics, construction & excavation, slope stability, geosynthetics, and ground investigation.

During the 11th AGSSEA Council Meeting held on October 26, 2023, Prof. Kuo-Chieh Chao of the Asian Institute of Technology was elected as the next president of the SEA Geotechnical Society, while Prof. Suttisak Soralump of Kasetsart University would assume the chairmanship of the AGSSEA. It was also decided that the 22nd Southeast Asian Geotechnical Conference and 5th Association of Geotechnical Societies in Southeast Asia (AGSSEA) would be held in 2026 in Manila, Philippines. In attendance at the conference were Dr. Pastsakorn Kitiyodom and Prof. Mark Zarco, with Prof. Anh-Tuan Vu attending the council meeting online.



Photo 1. Opening ceremony by with ISSMGE Vice President for Asia Prof. Keh-Jian Shou, SEAGS and Thai Geotechnical Society President Prof. Suttisak Soralump, and Prof. Warakorn Mairang, Chairperson, 21st SEAGC & 4th AGGSE Conference Organizing Committee.

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Photo 2. Group picture by members of the AGSSEA Council.