



### **Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, 3 Nov 2006, Taipei**

Attended by: CT Chin, KK Phoon, Robert Lo, Yusuke Honjo, Liming Zhang, GL Yoon, KH Lee, HY Kim, M Suzuki, Y Kikuchi, T Hara, M Honda, CH Wang, JY Ching, YM Hsieh, JR Chen

#### Summary of discussion:

1. There are strong reasons to establish a geotechnical safety network.
2. Globalization is a major source of impetus for coordination.
3. This network should encourage participation beyond academic circles. Participation from people in the industry and government agencies is crucial because the majority of the stakeholders belong to these constituencies.
4. This network should complement and support activities conducted in various national and international academic societies and code committees.
5. There is a strong emerging groundswell of interest and activities in Asia-Pacific countries that would benefit from coordination and exchange.
6. Countries that have been active in code developments can share their valuable experiences and use this network as a neutral vehicle to assist in advancing the state of practice
7. CT Chin and KK Phoon nominated as chair and co-chair, respectively, to drive the establishment of this network.
8. CT Chin and KK Phoon to work with HW Huang on Shanghai2007.
9. Board members requested to form working groups and seek support from organizations.
10. Gil Yoon mentioned a working group to support activities in South Korea.