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Responding to the recent earthquake disasters in China and Japan; the Great Sichuan earthquake in China on May 12 and the Miyagi-Iwate Inland earthquake in Japan on June 14, the CIB/W114 (Earthquake Engineering and Buildings) plans to organize "International Workshop on Response Control and Seismic Isolation of Buildings for Earthquake Disaster Mitigation" in Nanjing, China during November 18-20, 2008 to exchange information on the application of seismic isolation and response control techniques for buildings and discuss how to promote and disseminate the techniques worldwide as the promising techniques for earthquake safety of buildings. We would like to encourage researchers and engineers to participate in the workshop. The detail of the Workshop is available on our web site:

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- [2] **International Project on Performance-based Design of Seismically Isolated Buildings
Phase 1: Comparison of design procedures using a benchmark building**

To disseminate seismic isolation technique and enhance its application to buildings, the working commission, CIB/W114 launched the "International Project on Performance-based Design of Seismically Isolated Buildings" to create a harmonized design procedure for seismically isolated buildings. The first phase of the project is to collect information on design procedures, devices and applications of seismically isolated buildings around the world. The objective of this study using a

benchmark building is to collect information of design procedures of seismically isolated buildings and compare among different regions in the world. Please see our web site for the detail:

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[3] Proposal of the new Task Group (TG) on "Engineering Approach to Non-engineered structures"

We announce the proposal of the new Task Group (TG) on "Engineering Approach to Non-engineered structures" prepared by Dr. Tatsuo Narafu, Senior Coordinator for International Cooperation, Building Research Institute (BRI), Japan. The proposed TG aims to attract more attentions of researchers and practitioners, encourage them to work on non-engineered structures which kill most people in earthquakes and identify possible working programs for next step activities. The CIB/W114 will collaborate with this new TG by exchanging information and having joint meetings. We would like to encourage researchers and engineers to be the members of TG. The kickoff paper of the TG is available on our web site:

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