

Announcement and call for papers for the special session,
“Harmonization of design codes for seismically isolated buildings among countries”
in 12WCSI, Sochi, Russia, 20-23 September, 2011

Seismic isolation techniques have become the most reliable techniques for protecting human lives and properties against earthquakes. To disseminate seismic isolation technique and enhance its application to buildings, it is proposed to have the special session in 12th World Conference on Seismic Isolation (12WCSI) to collect information of design procedures of seismically isolated buildings and compare among different regions using a benchmark building.

Information about the benchmark building and an example of design using Japanese codes are available in the CIB/W114 web site: <http://www.cibw114.net/activities.html#2>
Information about the 12WCSI is available in the web site: <http://12wcsi.com/>

The paper in this session may include the following information:

- Introduction of application of seismically isolated buildings in your country,
- About the design code of seismically isolated buildings in your country,
- Design example using a benchmark building,
- Other information such as the effect of seismic isolation in recent earthquakes.

If you are interested in joining this special session, **please contact the coordinator, Taiki Saito, until the end of May 2011.** The deadline for receiving abstract is 15 June, 2011.

Sincerely yours,

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