

Activity report from Makoto Taniguchi as the IAH Regional Vice President of Asia

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After the 43rd IAH Congress in Montpellier, France, Makoto Taniguchi, the new vice president of IAH Asia, encouraged Asian hydrogeologists to promote IAH activities in Asia. As a result, new IAH National Chapters in Indonesia and Mongolia were established. This was remarkable news for IAH Asia in strengthening IAH activities in Asia, in particular to provide a platform for all hydrogeologists working in Indonesia and Mongolia, and others who have an interest in groundwater related issues. The two new chapters will cooperate with other national chapters of IAH in Asia.

On November 8, 2016, Makoto Taniguchi was invited to the 26th UNESCO-IHP training course on “Coastal vulnerability and freshwater discharge” at Nagoya University, Japan, to teach about groundwater discharge into the ocean and hydrogeology in Asia. This was a two week training course for participants from Asia-Pacific regions as part of the Japanese contribution to the International Hydrological Program (IHP).

Makoto Taniguchi was also invited to the IAH Japan Chapter to celebrate the inauguration of the vice president of IAH Asia, and to lecture at Rissho University, Tokyo on December 3, 2016. The title of Makoto Taniguchi’s lecture was “Hydrogeology in Asia”.

Dr. Yongje Kim from KIGAM, Korea visited Japan on March 29, 2016 to discuss IAH 2018 to be held in Korea. Makoto Taniguchi, as vice president of IAH Asia, promised to promote and support IAH 2018 in Korea. Pre-events of IAH 2018 were discussed, as well as logistical support and advertising in accordance with the experience of IAH 2008 held in Toyama, Japan.