

Dr. Mehrdad Hejazi, Associate Professor at University of Isfahan, Iran, Visited MWU

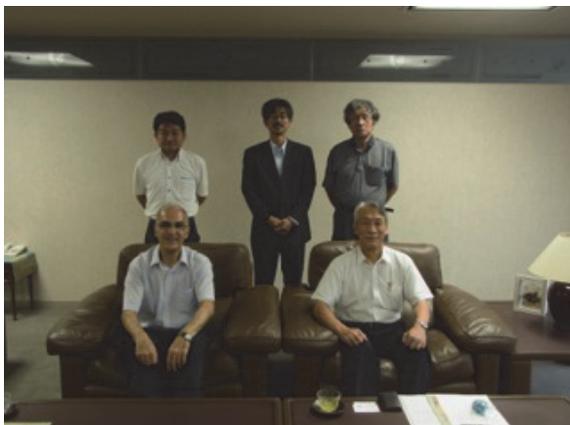
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Dr. Mehrdad Hejazi, Associate Professor at University of Isfahan, Iran, visited Department of Architecture in Mukogawa Women's University (MWU) on September 1, 2014. Dr. Hejazi is the leading expert who researches Iranian architecture and structure, and plans to rebuild the Bam Citadel, severely damaged by the 2003 Bam Earthquake. He also researches on earthquake-proof measures suitable to Iranian architecture. This time, he visited Japan to exchange information to promote international collaboration in conservation of cultural heritage between Japan and Iran.

In the morning, Dr. Hejazi made a courtesy call on Chancellor Okawara, after having a look around the Koshien Hall and Architectural Studio in the Kami-koshien Campus. He expressed his impression, saying "the curriculum offered by the architectural department in MWU is well organized to combine architectural design and structural, environmental engineering. The environment of the campus as well as the design studio and structural, environmental laboratories are excellent. I strongly wish to promote the exchange of faculties and students between MWU and University of Isfahan." He added also, "I was really surprised to see valuable exhibition displayed in the Silk-Road Galleries in the Institute of Turkish Culture Studies."

In the afternoon, Dr. Hejazi visited the world-largest 3-D full-scale earthquake testing facility, E-Defense, in the Hyogo Earthquake Engineering Research Center in the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, Japan. Renovation work was being conducted and the shake-table and splices could be seen. Also, full-scale specimens including RC school building tested previously could be observed. Dr. Hejazi was very delighted to realize a field trip to the E-Defense, which he had wished for a long time.

(Reported by Hiroyuki Tagawa)



Courtesy call on Chancellor Okawara



Field trip to E-Defense