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GA2012 5th Asian Regional Conference on Geosynthetics (Geosynthetics for Sustainable Adaptation to Climate Change)

13 to 15 December 2012
Centara Grand Lardprao Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

The 5th Asian Regional Conference on Geosynthetics (GA2012) with theme on Geosynthetics for Sustainable Adaptation to Climate Change was successfully held at Centara Grand Lardprao Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand last 13 to 15 December 2012. GA2012 was organized by IGS-Thailand Chapter, Asian Center for Soil Improvement (ACSIG) and Suranaree University of Technology (SUT) under the auspices of the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS). Prof. Dennes T. Bergado and Prof. Suksun Horpibulsuk served as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The aim of GA2012 was to bring together geosynthetics researchers, consultants, owners, manufacturers, distributors, project regulators, contractors and academics in order to share their knowledge, update information, advance technologies and discuss recent developments in the following general topics:

- 1) PVDs and Drainage
- 2) Erosion Control
- 3) Barrier and Environmental
- 4) Natural Fibers and Innovation
- 5) Reinforcement
- 6) Case Histories



Photo taken during the Opening Ceremony of GA2012

GA2012 has been honored and benefited to have 6 Keynote Lectures presented by Prof. Jian Chu, Ir. Chris Lawson, Prof. Takeshi Katsumi, Prof. Han Yong Jeon, Prof. Chungsik Yoo, and Prof. Jiro Kuwano and 6 Theme Lectures presented by Prof. Jin-Chun Chai, Ir. Tack Weng Yee, Prof. Abdelmalek Bouazza, Prof. K. Rajagopal, Prof. Yoshihisa Miyata and Ir. Mike Sadlier. The Keynotes and Theme Lectures covered the aforementioned topics of the Conference. Moreover, Sessions on Country Reports and Student Papers were also organized. All abstracts and full papers have been peer-reviewed prior to their acceptance and inclusions in the proceedings. The proceedings contained 129 papers contributed by authors from 25 countries. We wish to acknowledge the assistance of the Technical Committee in reviewing and maintaining high standards on the quality of the papers as well as the hard work of the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee, also heartfully thanks, the Keynote, Theme and Technical Lecturers for their important contributions. There were more than 320 participants in the Conference.



Photo taken during the Opening Ceremony of GA2012
(From Left to Right: Dr. N. Phienwej, Prof. F. Tatsuoka, Ir. M. Sadlier, Prof. D.T. Bergado, Prof. J. Zornberg, Prof. S. Horpibulsuk, Prof. X.W. Tang and Prof. H.Y. Jeon)

A One-Day Short Course on Basic Properties and Applications of Geosynthetics was also conducted on 12 December 2012 at the Centara Grand Lardprao Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. There were 12 Resource Persons consisting of Ir. Chris Lawson, Prof. Abdelmalek Bouazza, Ir. John Cowland, Prof. Jin-Chun Chai, Prof. Chungsik Yoo, Prof. Jiro Kuwano, Prof. K. Rajagopal, Dr. Warat Kongkitkul, Dr. Sompote Youwai, and Dr. Suttisak Soralump and Prof. Suksun Horpibulsuk. There were more than 50 participants in the Short Course.

The Conference and Short Course were officially opened by Prof. Jorge Zornberg, (IGS President).



Presentation of bouquet to Prof. J. Zornberg, (IGS President) by Prof. D.T. Bergado, (Conferene Chairman)

The Exhibition was officially opened by Prof. Jorge Zornberg,(IGS President), Prof. Fumio Tatsuoka,(IGS Immediate Past-President), and Prof. Dennes T. Bergado,(Conference Chairman).



Ribbon cutting ceremony during official opening of the International Exhibition of GA2012

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