

## Report of INTERPRAEVENT 2010

The International Research Society INTERPRAEVENT was founded after disaster prevention researchers and engineers in various fields got together in Austria in 1967 to discuss the causes of natural disasters and their prevention measures, to cope with severe sediment-related disasters that hit the European Alps countries successively. Placing its headquarters at the Department of Water Management, Provincial Government of Carinthia in Austria, the society holds an international symposium every four years.

This year's symposium "INTERPRAEVENT 2010" was held in Taiwan on April 26 (Mon) through 30 (Fri). Taiwan is a country that has drawn the attention of disaster prevention experts in the world because it sustained devastating sediment-related disaster damage due to the Chichi Earthquake in 1999 and Typhoon Morakot last year.



Photo-1 Scene of INTERPRAEVENT 2010

The main session was held on April 26 and 27. Following the opening addresses by Kult Rohner, president of the INTERPRAEVENT, and Su-Chin Chen, head of the symposium's executive committee, five keynote lectures and 46 oral presentations were made before the panel discussion at the end. In parallel with oral presentations, a poster session featuring 50 topics was given.

Table-1 Symposium schedule

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
4/26 (Mon)	Opening ceremony Keynote lectures	Oral presentations Poster session	Banquet
4/27 (Tue)	Oral presentations	Oral presentations Poster session	
4/28 (Wed)	Study tour (Taipei)	Study tour (Central Taiwan)	
4/29 (Thu)	Study tour (Central Taiwan)		
4/30 (Fri)	Study tour (Central Taiwan)		

After the end of the main session, study tours took place on April 28 through 30. Participants visited now-restored Chichi Earthquake damage areas, application site of debris flow monitoring systems, environment- and hydrophilia-conscious sabo facilities, and research institutions related to disaster prevention. The participants learned the present status of structural and non-structural disaster prevention measures in Taiwan through these tours.



Photo-2 Group photo of tour participants