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Japanese Delegation Visits USACE Teams

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. Members of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MLITT) and Japanese Institute of Construction Engineering (JICE) met with USACE teams February 6-11, 2012. They met with USACE Headquarters and Institute for Water Resources (IWR) team members in Washington, D.C., and IWR's Hydrologic Engineering Center (IWR-HEC) and Sacramento District team members in California. The visit's purpose was to research a document being developed through the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to serve as a guide for developing countries seeking to implement and improve floodplain regulation frameworks.

The first part of the visit was a two-day session at IWR-HEC and Sacramento District. The IWR-HEC team presented information about hydraulic and hydrological studies, levee certification, and USACE planning and engineering. The Sacramento District team led a discussion about the Sacramento River and Natomas Basin flood risk management work. They also conducted a field visit of levees and recent construction.

The remaining days were spent in Washington D.C. with members of USACE Headquarters and IWR where briefings were provided on the USACE planning process, principles and guidelines revision, benefit-cost analysis, and National Flood Risk Management and Silver Jackets programs. David Bascom, FEMA, discussed the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and Dr. Gerry Galloway, former IWR Maass-White visiting scholar, led a tour of the Washington levee.

Visiting USACE were Mr. Masamichi Hayashi of MLITT; Dr. Katsumi Wakigawa and Mr. Koichi Uno of JICE; and Mr. Tomoyuki Okada, an employee of MLITT detailed to the World Meteorological Organization. Ms. Miyake Katsuhito served as interpreter.

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