The First JDR Award:

Testimonial

Presenting the First JDR Award

Founded in August 2006, the *Journal of Disaster Research* (JDR) reached Vol.10 this year. Regular issues are published bimonthly, six times a year. Special editions on the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake are published once a year, with four of the five issues planned having been published.

The JDR's features lie in its broad spectrum of subjects and the comprehensiveness of their treatment. These points are extremely important in dealing with disasters, but may lose focus in the selection of article content and have difficulty in evaluating it.

From its inception, the JDR has made each issue special, focusing on certain topics and inviting specialists in the area to serve as (guest) editors of each issue. Thanks to the cooperation of such specialists, the JDR has developed being able to reach Vol.10 this year.

To mark this anniversary, the JDR has established the JDR Award, an idea originally proposed by one of our editors, Shinji Egashira.

We feel that having a broad spectrum of subjects is fitting as the selection criterion for the JDR Award, but this has made it difficult to set up objective selection criteria.

A major factor in selection has been the number of downloads. Both of the two-part articles on the special issue on "Enhancement of Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation in Peru" in Vol.8 No.2 and Vol.9 No.6 ranked among the top ten downloads in the almost 60 JDR issues published thus far.

Each issue derives its significance from the relevance of the featured topic, so members of the editorial committee have unanimously agreed to present this first JDR Award to the guest editors of the special issue:

Fumio Yamazaki,
Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, Chiba University, Japan

Carlos Zavala,
Professor, CISMID, Faculty of Civil Engineering,
National University of Engineering (UNI), Peru

On behalf of the JDR editorial committee, I wish to thank them for their efforts and to congratulate them as the first winners of the Award.

Katsuki Takiguchi,
Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Institute of Technology