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4. Safety and Quality Assurance of Civil Engineering Structures IABSE Symposium, Tokyo, Japan, September 4 to 6, 1986

The Final Invitation to the IABSE Symposium and the IABSE Study Tour in Japan has just been published and mailed to all interested members. Further copies are available at the IABSE Secretariat.

Exciting technical and social programmes have been prepared for you by the Japanese Group of IABSE.

Technical Programme

The theme «Safety and Quality Assurance of Civil Engineering Structures» will be dealt with in plenary sessions, seminars, panel discussions and poster sessions. The subthemes of the Symposium will be:

- Projects and Decision Making
- Tendering and Contracting
- Planning and Design
- Construction and Inspection
- Human and Organizational Aspects.

All presentations and discussions will contribute to the objective of the meeting: **improving the safety and the quality assurance** of civil engineering structures, at all stages of their life.

Publications will support the sessions. The *Introductory Report* is already available (refer to page 9 of this IABSE BULLETIN), and the *Preliminary Report* will be available at the Symposium. A *Final Report* will be published after the Symposium, presenting edited discussions as well as the posters.

The **Honshu-Shikoku Bridge Project Study Tour** will be a welcomed practical application of the Symposium theme and will also present a dozen major bridges (cable-stayed, suspension, arch bridge and truss construction; in steel, reinforced and prestressed concrete and in composite construction). They will be in different

stages of construction, from foundation works to structures near completion. The tour, especially arranged for the Symposium participants, will be conducted after the Symposium, i.e. from 7 to 11 September 1986.

Social programme

The opportunity will be offered to the participants and accompanying persons to get better acquainted with, and to better understand the Japanese culture. Ancient as well as modern way of life in Japan will be shown to the participants, including the traditional Japanese arts, such as tea ceremony, flower arrangement, music, dance, Kimono and architecture.

Travel arrangements

The IABSE Secretariat has succeeded in offering travel arrangements of high quality and competitive prices. For organizational reasons, it has finally limited its recommendation to travel arrangements from Europe: the Final Invitation offers a very interesting programme, prepared for IABSE by

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For participants from other parts of the world, it is recommended, as usual in construction or in any other business, to compare offers from different agents. There are other ways to go to Japan and attend the IABSE Symposium and Study Tour at economic prices. Looking forward to seeing you in Japan in September 1986!

