**III. INTERNATIONAL EARTHQUAKE REALITY AND URBANIZATION WORKSHOP**

**CONCLUSION REPORT**

Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Housing and Urban Development Department, Directorate of Soil and Earthquake Analysis , we held the ''2016 III.International Earthquake Reality and Urbanization Workshop'' between the dates of 8-9-10 November 2016, in the council hall of Kocaeli Chamber Commerce.

1. Several Universities, 11 spokesman, public institutions, 6 lecturers from Philiphines, Japan, United States of America and Germany has been invited and taken part in the workshop.
2. More than 800 audience from our city and others cities such as municipal and AFAD officers, engineers, army officers, students and representatives of the NGO’s have participated.
3. The main aim of the workshop is to share experience of our city’s following to the big disaster which has made us gain experience in treatment, improvement and preparation studies in case of the possible disaster. This experience and fast improvement process is constitute good example for the other cities and countries and dissemination of these studies was underlined by the all spokesman and lecturers.​
4. The foreign speakers who already got to our country after 1999 Kocaeli Earthquake and attended to this workshop have emphasized the modernization process , carried out after the quake, carried out by our country and our city, therefore they have underlined the necessity of this process and this progress could be held up by other countries as a good example.
5. During the workshop, dangers and risks that has been caused by the quakes, other natural disasters and technological accidents and also its negative environmental affects have been discussed. Therefore the participants have shared their experiences they faced, talked about the measures taken against the disasters and exchanged information about international examples.
6. Information to the academicians who participated in the workshop from different universities of our country about current applications related to disaster in Kocaeli and other regions have been given. It is emphasized the missing points of the works that have been carried out in our country. Therefore all projects which are about to reduce the disaster risks in our city and all practices which have been implemented by the metropolitan municipality to decrease the impacts of the shakes and to protect the environment have already been presented.
7. All scientists who participated in the workshop on an international scale introduced their own experiences and presented other preventive projects aimed at reducing disaster risks for our province.
8. Responsible employees from Ford and Tüpraş who have significant plants in Kocaeli, have presented information on prevention of technological accidents and disaster mitigation studies.
9. A wide range of interest has been shown to the workshop organized in our city. Through media organizations awareness about the natural disasters in the provincial public was presented to the participants.
10. The earthquake risk that Istanbul and the Marmara region face each day is known by everyone. The effects of these earthquakes on the Kocaeli provinces, industrial establishments in our province, AFAD and Local Authorities have also drawn attention to the precautions to be taken against such disasters.
11. Based on the presentations given at the workshop, the importance of early warning has been indicated and by preparing various projects for reducing the risk of earthquakes, Earthquake Early Warning and Emergency Response Systems is set to be established as soon as possible.
12. We would like to thank the people, organizations, university representatives, municipal officials, representatives of associations, non-governmental organizations, members of professional associations, university students and academicians from all over the world.
13. As Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, in order to raise awareness of earthquakes and other disasters and to provide various projects and investigations in our province, it is decided to organize the IVth Workshop on the international scale in 2017. As Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality we are planning to enhance the partnership and the participation within the IV. Workshop in 2017 and support is expected by our partners Kocaeli University, TÜBİTAK MAM ve Gebze Technical University in order to increase the amount of general participation. Announcements and current news about the international workshop to be held in 2017 can be followed on our website www.kocaeli.bel.tr.

Best Regards,

Workshop Organizing Committee

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