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Personal Statement

Dr. Tajima has experience of coastal engineering both in academic research and practical engineering jobs since 1995. As a research engineer at the Institute of Penta-Ocean Construction, he was involved in various coastal projects such as designs and environmental assessment of the newly extended runway of Tokyo International Airport. After moving back to the University of Tokyo in 2005, he effectively integrated practical experiences and academic background of nearshore hydrodynamics to extend his research focus to various aspects of coastal vulnerabilities, e.g., storm surge disasters due to Hurricane Katrina and Cyclone Sidr, tsunami deposits in Sri Lanka, locally concentrated coastal damages due to multi-specter stormy waves, and interactive wave-current field and dynamic erosions around the Tenryu river mouth. Besides various numerical approaches, he has strength in experiences of laboratory and field studies. As a key member of JSCE field survey team, for example, he carried out disaster surveys of Katrina, Sidr, Haiyan, Pam, Meranti, Jebi, Hagibis, and 2011 Tohoku earthquake tsunami. His recent study is further extended to satellite-based nearshore monitoring system for evaluations of large-scale coastal vulnerability under collaborative research project with JAXA, Japanese space agency.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2004
Master of Science, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2001
Bachelor of Engineering, Dept. of Civil Engineering, The University of Tokyo, March 1996

Professional Experience

Researcher, Penta-Ocean Construction, Co., Ltd, Apr.1996-Aug.1999, Feb.2004-Aug.2005
Research Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sep.2001-Jan.2004
Assistant professor, the University of Tokyo, Sep.2005-Mar.2007
Associate professor, the University of Tokyo, Apr.2007-Mar. 2013
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