

# Major International Conferences

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## **1. 26th US-Japan Bridge Engineering Workshop and the 14th MLIT/FHWA Bridge Engineering Meeting (US: September 20 to 22, 2010)**

The US-Japan Bridge Engineering Workshop and the MLIT/FHWA Bridge Engineering Meeting are held annually, alternately by the U.S. and by Japan, (held in New Orleans, United States, at this time), as an activity of Working Committee G (traffic systems) established under the US-Japan Panel on Wind and Seismic Effects, making up the United States-Japan Cooperative Program in Natural Resources (UJNR).

At this workshop, participants presented papers concerning performance evaluations of bridges, seismic retrofitting, accelerated construction, and maintenance and inspections (15 by Japanese delegates and 20 by American delegates), and discussed and exchanged views concerning the papers.

The MLIT/FHWA intergovernmental conference is a meeting with the US Federal Highway Administration concerning bridge structures, which is a cooperation theme under the US-Japan Agreement on Cooperation in Research and Development in Science and Technology. At the 14th meeting, the participants exchanged views concerning data which should be obtained by bridge inspections to rationalize and optimize maintenance systems and methods of using these data, and based on experience of the Chili earthquake which occurred in February, the impact of long duration earthquake motion and the behavior of skewed bridges and curved bridges during earthquakes. They also confirmed that both sides would carry out continued exchanges of information and surveyresearch in the future.

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