

In addition to the above, it should be mentioned that the Nearshore Environment Research Center (NERC) Program was conducted in the period of 1975 to 1980 as a multi-institutional research program as stated in the previous section. A lot of field observation data of nearshore waves, nearshore currents, and sediment transport were presented in conjunction with the papers by members of the NERC Program.

Dissemination of available knowledge on coastal engineering discipline has effectively been done in Japan through the annual Japanese Conference on Coastal Engineering and the International Conference on Coastal Engineering. In the case of the NERC Program, international exchange of information was made with Nearshore Sediment Transport Study (NSTS) Program in the United States (Seymour, 1989) in order to encourage beneficial interaction between these two programs during the course of study.

7. Concluding Remarks

In this chapter, the history and heritage of coastal engineering in Japan are described briefly. As stated previously, coastal engineering in Japan entered a new era in 1953. Hence the period under discussion was divided into two periods, namely pre-dawn and post-dawn period. For the pre-dawn period, limited number of contributions were described with their historical background. In contrast, in the post-dawn period, many papers have appeared particularly in the conference proceedings, and it was beyond the author's capacity to review all of them. Hence the subjects and related contents in this chapter are based on the author's personal selection.

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