

Kenji Mori
Bio Statement

Dr. Mori received his BS, MS and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley in 1972, 1973 and 1976, respectively; and in 1990, earned his MBA from Harvard University. In 1977, he started his professional career as a research associate at the University of Tokyo in the field of earthquake geotechnical engineering. He also taught at Tokyo University of Science as a visiting graduate lecturer.

In 1980, Dr. Mori joined Kiso-Jiban Consultants. There, he supervised and executed many site investigations, including performing the laboratory testing and numerical analyses. His work was focused mainly on the seismic safety of ports, harbor structures, bridge foundations and nuclear power plants. In addition to his conventional geotechnical tasks, Dr. Mori was also engaged to advise on construction dispute cases where geotechnical issues were the primary cause of disagreement and contention. In 1992, he became the President of Kiso-Jiban Consultants, and then Chairman of the Board in 2006. He left the company in 2013.

Dr. Mori was an active participant in committees at the Japanese Geotechnical Society, including the international activities of the society. In 1981, he co-authored the International Manual for the Sampling of Soft Cohesive Soils, which was published in 1981 for the Sub-Committee on Soil Sampling of ISSMFE.

In 1999, Dr. Mori was elected Chairman of the Japan Geotechnical Consultants Association, which represents the business and engineering interests of some 400 geotechnical consulting firms of the nation; he served in that position for four consecutive two-year terms until 2007. In 2011, he received the Commendation of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism for his contributions to the construction industry; and in 2013, the Japanese Government awarded him the Medal of the Yellow Ribbon for the same cause.

Dr. Mori now works for Raito Kogyo, Inc., Japan's largest geotechnical contractor, as a special advisor assisting the company with various engineering and management issues. He also provides private consulting services through Mori Geotechnique, Inc.