

USGNN Received the following press release today:

News Release From the Americas Glass Association

On December 1, 2006, a delegation of flat glass manufacturers from Japan was the guest of the International Code Council (ICC) in their Western Headquarters, Whittier, California.

The delegation had toured several manufacturing and building sites throughout the U.S. (their guide had been Nanette Lockwood of Solutia) examining glass and glazing for wind and seismic forces. ICC was their final stop before leaving for their homeland.



The purpose of their tour was to see how wind and seismic glazing was implemented in U.S. construction so they could institute the same for their country. Rick Okawa, V.P. International Services, ICC gave an overview of the International Code Family and how this international building code has been universally adopted throughout the U.S. Rick answered numerous questions on code use and adoption.

Donn Harter, representing the Americas Glass Association was asked, “Are there incentives offered to motivate owners to construct buildings resistive to wind and seismic forces?” Harter replied, “There are two major factors that prompted code development;

1. Property losses with insurance cancellations and,
2. Liability claims.”

Glazing Codes have been developed and improved through outstanding industry participation..

In the picture, standing from left to right:

Shinji Kawahara (Solutia), Donn Harter (Americas Glass Association), Nanette Lockwood (Solutia), Dennis McCreary (Team Leader, ICC), Tetsuo Terayama (Asahi Glass), Jun Saito (Nippon Sheet Glass), Masaaki Kamiya (Central Glass), and Hajime Moroo (Flat Glass Manufacturing Assn. of Japan).

Seated:

Rick Okawa (V.P. International Services, ICC)