



**Mikio Kubo** is honored to become a candidate for IGS council member with strong support of Japan Chapter of IGS. He will be the first practitioner representing Japan. He will contribute to the IGS effectively as a practitioner with vast experience of natural disasters and a wide knowledge of geosynthetics solutions relevant to such circumstances.

Kubo started his career at Teijin focusing on the development of polyester fibers for base clothes of industrial usages and flame retardant aramid fibers. He spent 18 years at Teijin and then left to form his company, Eternal Preserve, in 1996.

Eternal Preserve partnered with Linear Composites (UK) to introduce a high strength geogrid for embankments on soft ground constructed by Japan Highway Public Corporation. The design and construction methods were widely accepted and have become a preferred solution in the highway construction.

Since 2010 he has been responsible for organizing General Incorporated Association “Study group for deformation control by geosynthetics”.

As an IGS council member he would dedicate his time spreading awareness of the positive environmental impacts of the use of geosynthetics in infrastructures and their maintenance, whilst liaising efficiently between the IGS headquarter and chapters to maximize their relationships.

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