

International Conference on “Managing Earthquake Risks” & International Seminar on Rural Roads – Institution Building
Organized by Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC)
31st Jan 2008, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Quippo Infrastructure Equipment Ltd. participated in International Conference on “Managing Earthquake Risks” & also in International Seminar on Rural Roads – Institution Building on 31st Jan 2008 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Both these events were organized by Construction Industry Development Council.

A solid network of infrastructure is the foundation on which the socio-economic and industrial strength of great nations is built. Quality, speed and efficiency of construction are therefore the quintessence of infrastructure development. However, amongst fury of nature, earthquake is the most potent force against infrastructure. We have to, not only design, install and retrofit appropriate devices to safe-guard infrastructure but also prepare to manage disasters with nominal damage on occurrence. Object of conference was internationally sharing global expertise and technologies operative in different countries in the field of earthquake. This conference created a multidimensional global platform on earthquake related technologies/aspects. The conference was organized in four plenary sessions spanning over two days with focus on the following aspects:-

1. Strategies in Earthquake Risk Mitigation and vulnerability Reduction – Role of Construction Industry.
2. Capacity Development in Construction Industry
3. Techno Financial and Techno Legal Regime
4. International Cooperation in Earthquake Risk Mitigation



Delegates from Japan, US and Nepal actively participated in the conference. It is factual that a large part of our country is in seismic zones of IV and V. Col. K.K.S. Maken, Head – Training, Quippo Infrastructure Equipment Ltd., presented his views on evolving strategies to mitigate impacts of earthquake into preventive and preparedness activities in pro-active mode. Quippo was recognized as an asset at national level which can be mobilized under standing provisions at state expense for faster response in earthquake scenario. Last Plenary session was graced by the presence of honourable minister Shri Shivraj Patil, Home Minister of India.

CIDC also organized a seminar on rural connectivity across the country in association with National Rural Roads Development Agency under the Ministry of Rural Development. Seminar focused on achieving target of BHARAT NIRMAN, i.e construction of 1,46,185 km road length by 2009. The seminar had three technical sessions with objective to deliberate on following major issues and to evolve a blue print for action.

1. Establishing a Chain of Rural Equipment Banks.
2. Establishing asset maintenance systems.

3. Development of small entrepreneurs to take up further extension works.

The seminar witnessed eminent speakers involved in BHARAT NIRMAN at national level. Quippo was represented by Col. K.K.S. Maken who presented his views on role which Quippo's "Equipment Banks" can play in rural connectivity at a faster pace. Honourable Union Minister of Rural Development Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, viewed on the occasion that rural road connectivity is one of the major initiatives launched for time-bound augmentation of rural infrastructure. It is a key component of our overall strategy for poverty alleviation. The representatives of UP, MP, Bihar and other states showed added interest on projecting rural equipment banks in their respective states.