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# Seismic Retrofit of Asphalt Pavements Using Confined-Reinforced Earth

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## 2011 The Great East Japan Earthquake (M9.0)



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## 1964 Niigata Earthquake (M7.5)



## 1995 The Hanshin Awaji Great Earthquake (M7.3)



## 2009 Noto Earthquake (M6.8)



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East Nippon Expressway Company Ltd (2011)



## 2007 Niigata Prefecture Chuetsu Earthquake (M6.8)



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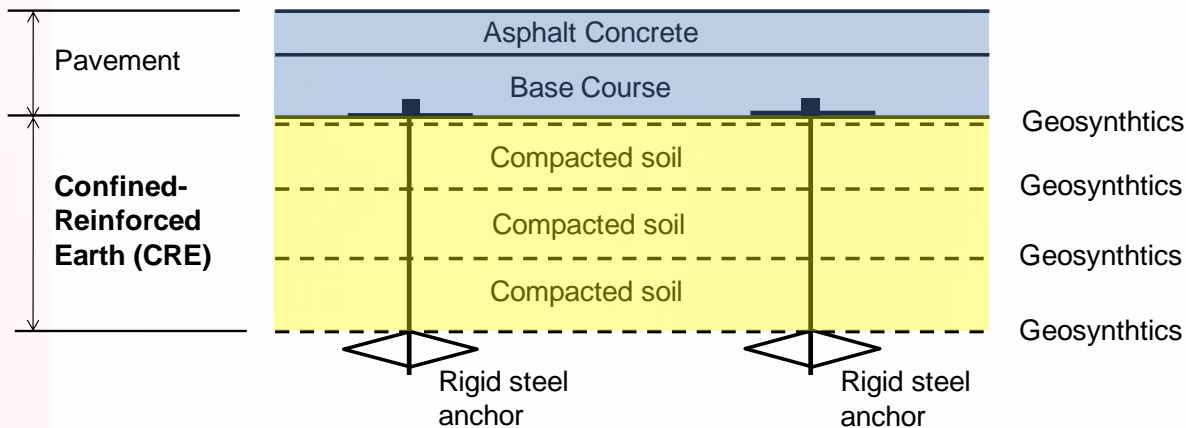
# Introduction

## Problem statement

- Reducing the risk of earthquake-induced damages to road is needed to promote safety, disaster mitigation and recovery.
- Traffic is easily intercepted by the severe earthquake-induced damages to road pavements.
- It is strongly needed for minimum road pavement performance to keep the **emergency traffic** remain in service despite severe earthquake.
- A **seismic retrofit technique of asphalt pavements** using Confined-Reinforced Earth (CRE) is newly developed.



# Confined-Reinforced Earth (CRE) Structure

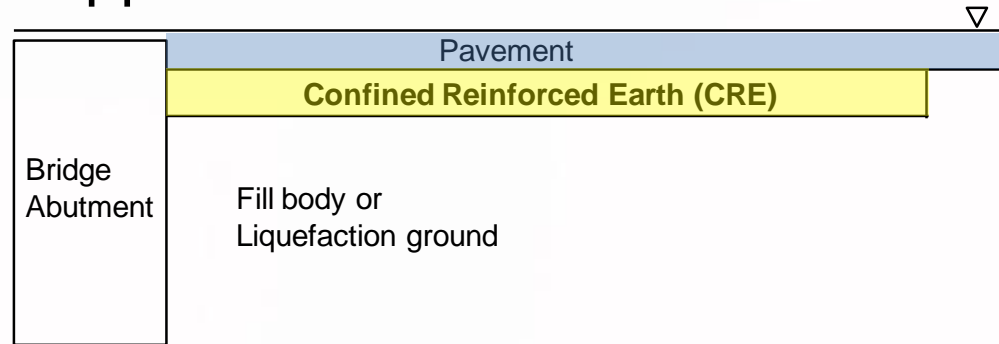


- Compacted soil layers reinforced by **geosynthetics** & confined by **the rigid anchors**
- High flexural rigidity of CRE for overcoming weakness of subgrade in tension and flex / bending

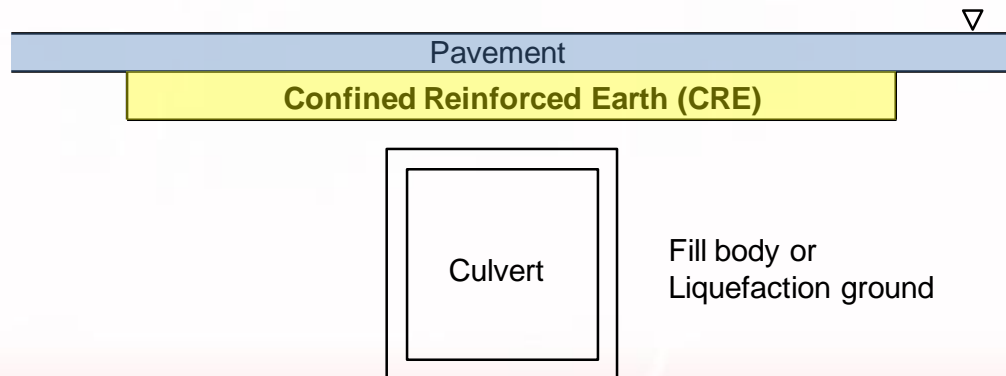


# Confined-Reinforced Earth (CRE) Applications

- For Bridge approach settlement

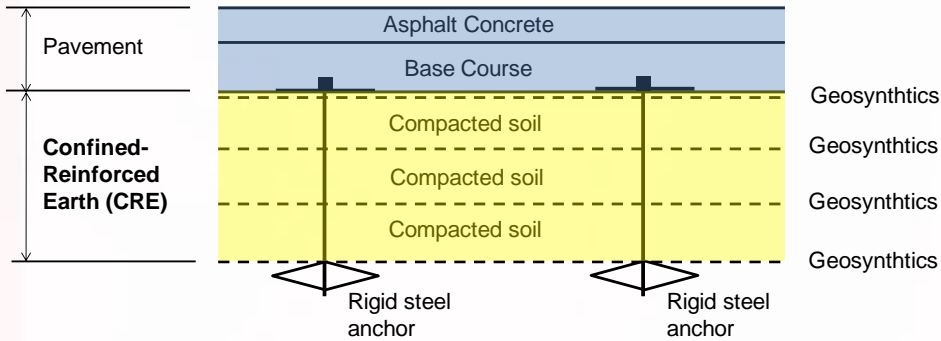


- For Box culvert approach differential settlement





# Confined-Reinforced Earth (CRE) Materials



1) Compacted crushed stone



2) Geosynthetics



3) Rigid anchor



# Confined-Reinforced Earth (CRE) Construction



1) Geosynthetics placement



2) Laying



3) Compaction



4) Anchor driving



5) Anchor locking

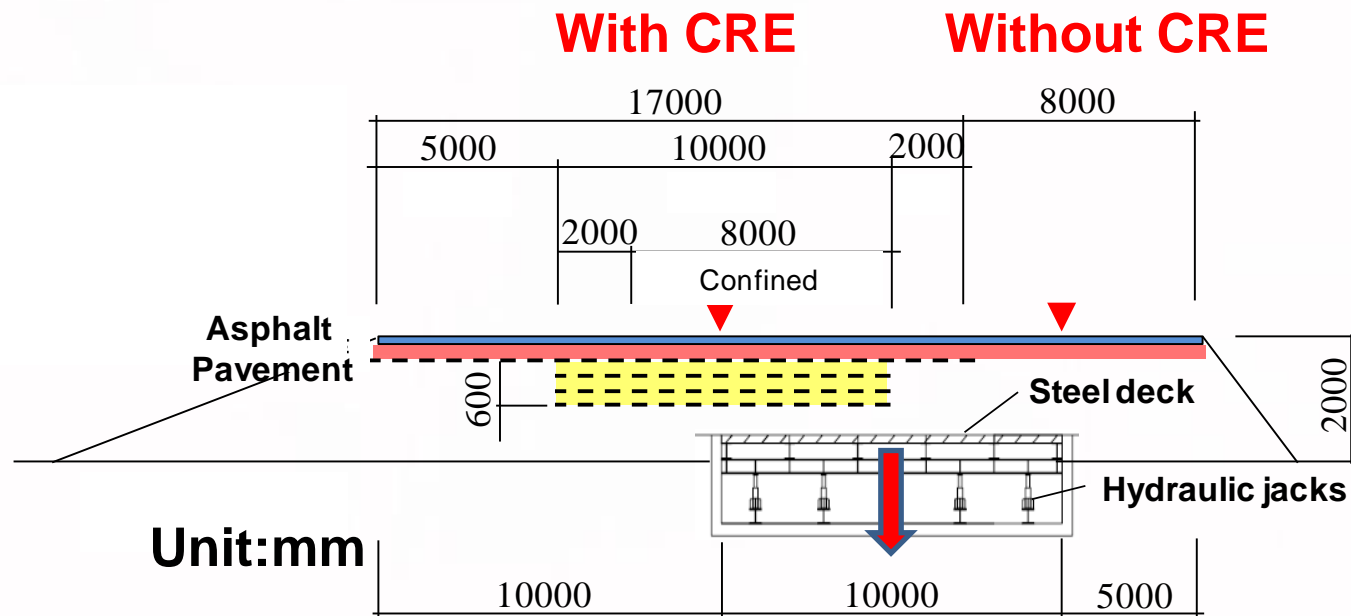


6) Confining



# Confined-Reinforced Earth (CRE) Full-scale in-situ test (**NEW DATA**)

- Trial embankment for simulating differential settlement of earthquake-induced damages to road pavements



- Forced differential settlement from 0 to **550mm**



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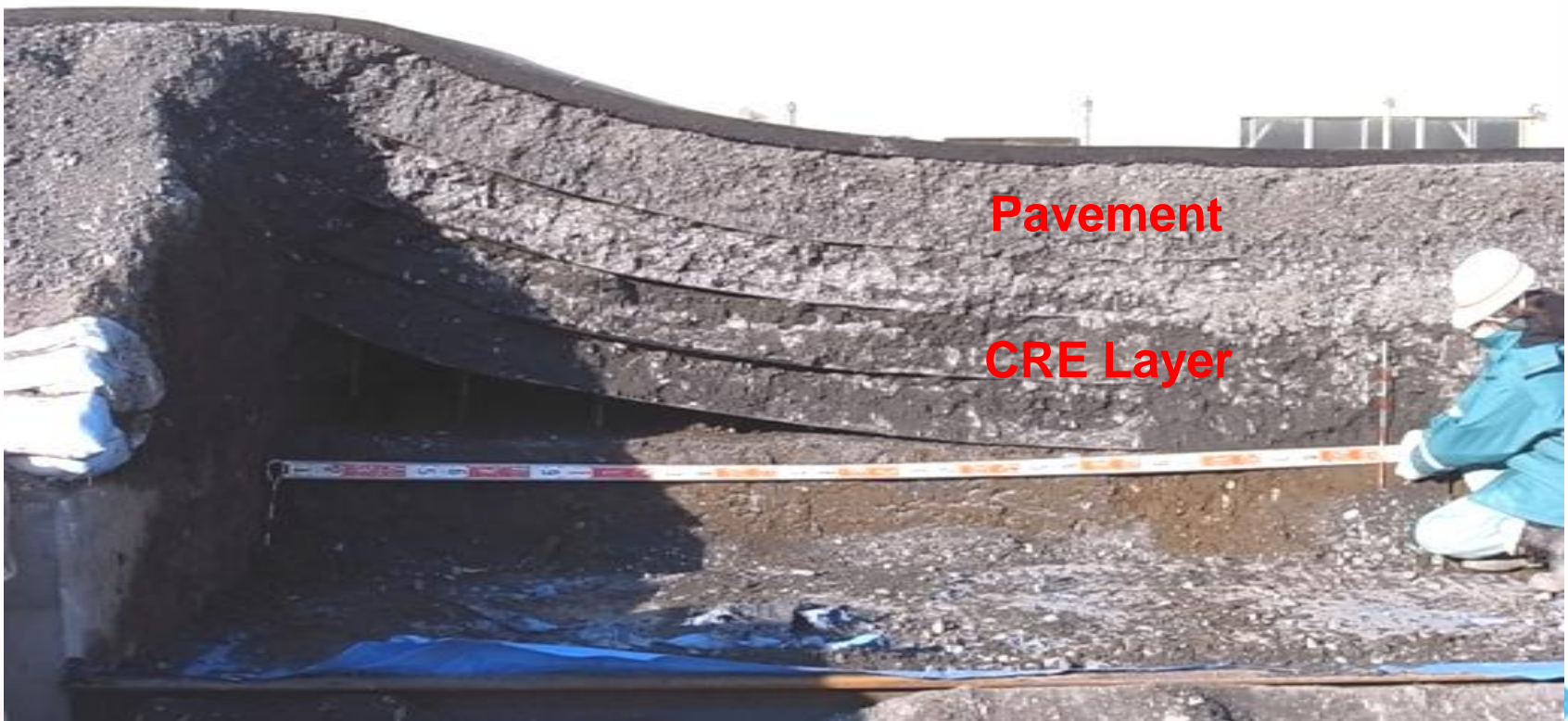


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