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Norikazu Shimizu is an Emeritus Professor of Yamaguchi University, Japan, who is currently working at Kansai University as a Specially Appointed Professor. He obtained BE, MSc and DR degrees in Civil Engineering from Kobe University and started his academic career in 1981. He joined Yamaguchi University in 1992 and was appointed as a Full Professor of Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering in 2000.

Professor Shimizu served as a Vice President at Large of the International Society for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering from 2015-2019. He was President of the Japan Society for Rock Mechanics and Chair of the Committee of Rock Mechanics in the Japan Society of Civil Engineers from 2011-2013. He organized the ISRM International Symposium “8th Asian Rock Mechanics Symposium” in Sapporo, 2014, and an ISRM Specialized Conference “5th Young Scholars’ Symposium on Rock Mechanics” in Okinawa, 2019.

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