

ANIL K CHOPRA: A CORNER STONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING



I had the great honor and pleasure of meeting Anil Chopra in Mexico City in 1966..., and had the privilege of interacting with him many times since 1971.... I consider him as an international leader in several research and development lines: performance based design for buildings, advanced hydrodynamic pressure models and their application to the seismic response analysis of dams, among others.

His exceptional academic and professional capacities are complemented by his unique human kindness and his always positive attitudes, always oriented to the service of mankind. For all these reasons I am very glad to have the opportunity to participate in the event honoring him, joining the many other voices that will be accompanying him.

I am sure that the new stage of life he is starting now with his retirement will also be full of very significant academic, professional and human achievements. My best wishes for him and for his family.