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About Professor Haresh C. Shah

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Professor Haresh Shah has been a pioneer in the fields of risk analysis, earthquake engineering, and probabilistic methods for over 35 years. He has served Stanford University in many capacities, including Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering and Founding Director of the John A. Blume Earthquake Engineering Center.

Haresh Shah is author or co-author of one book and more than 250 technical papers and reports. He has been a consultant to private organizations and to local, state, and national government agencies. He has worked with UNESCO and several countries around the world to develop building codes and earthquake design criteria.

Haresh Shah is currently involved in the following activities:

1. Founder and Senior Advisor of Risk Management Solutions, Inc. (With more than 250 employees and eleven offices around the world, RMS, Inc. is a leading software company that specializes in assisting insurance and reinsurance companies as well as banking and other financial institutions)
2. Chairman of the Board, RMSI, Pvt. LTD (With more than 750 employees and two offices in Delhi and Hyderabad, RMSI was founded by Prof. Shah in 1993. They specialize in GIS, software, photogrammetry, satellite imagery and risk management)
3. Chairman of the Board, Buildfolio, Inc. (With offices in Palo Alto, Hong Kong and Singapore and 42 employees, Buildfolio is the leading Wireless, Application Services Provider and Enterprise Software Provider in the global real estate and construction industry).
4. Director, World Seismic Safety Initiative (WSSI). A not for profit professional organization, WSSI provides assistance to developing and developed countries of the world towards making their urban and rural communities safe from future earthquakes. They act as catalysts to increase the awareness of governments, NGOs, and general populations about earthquakes and earthquake risk management.
5. Chairman of the Board of Trustees, GeoHazards International. A leading philanthropic, not for profit organization that helps developing countries around the world understand and develop strategies to mitigate earthquake risk.
6. Member of the Board of Directors, OYO/RMS Corp. A Japanese corporation with an office in Tokyo, they are leading catastrophe risk management people in Japan. OYO CORP. and RMS, INC jointly own the company.

Dr. Shah received a B. E. degree (1959) from Poona University, India, and degrees of M. S. (1960) and Ph. D. (1963) from Stanford University. Prof. Shah has received many awards, including the most recent John S. Bickley Gold Medal for Excellence Award from the International Insurance Society for his sustained and outstanding contributions to the insurance industry.

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