Asst Prof Fei Xunchang (School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, NTU Singapore) was recently selected by ASCE’s Geo-Institute to receive the 2021 Arthur Casagrande Professional Development Award for “significant contributions to geotechnical engineering research and outstanding promise to advance the disciplines further in pursuit of novel solutions to pressing geoenvironmental problems.” He will officially receive the Award during the Society’s International Foundation Congress and Equipment Expo in Dallas, TX, in May 2021.

The Award was established by the Geotechnical Engineering Division (now the Geo-Institute) of ASCE as a memorial to the outstanding contributions of Arthur Casagrande, Hon.M.ASCE, to the teaching, research, and practice of geotechnical engineering. The award is funded by gifts from the many students, colleagues, and friends of Arthur Casagrande.

The award was established to provide professional development opportunities for outstanding young practitioners, researchers, and teachers of geotechnical engineering who are 35 years of age or less when nominated. The Award was established in 1989 and awarded to 1-3 winners annually. Thus far, all the 39 winners were based in top U.S. or U.K. universities when awarded. All the winners have become prestigious researchers in the field, a few have been elected to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering.

It has never been awarded to a researcher in Asia nor a Chinese. The full list of the past winners can be found here:

https://www.asce.org/templates/award-detail.aspx?id=393&all_recipients=1

NEWRI congratulates Prof Fei on his achievement.