

## Preface

eco-AWAM International Conference on Civil Engineering 2015 (eco-AICCE'15) is a conference dedicated to the sustainability of infrastructures and related topics. It is the second international conference organized by the School of Civil Engineering, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) after the successful AICCE'12 & GIZ'12 held in Penang in 2012. AWAM is the word for Civil as used in the term 'Civil Engineering'. It was also used in the titles of five earlier national conferences in a series organized by the School of Civil Engineering, namely AWAM'99, AWAM'01, AWAM'04, AWAM'07 and AWAM'09 which was the precursor to the current series of international conferences. The prefix eco is used to commemorate the occasion that AICCE'15 is held in parallel with 'ecobuild Southeast Asia 2015'.

eco-AICCE'15 carries the theme "Propelling the Nation's Competitiveness through Sustainable Infrastructure". It is held in conjunction with the International Construction Week 2015 (ICW2015) and co-hosted by Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB). CIDB and USM through School of Civil Engineering are both actively promoting the importance of ensuring sustainable infrastructure and infrastructure sustainability. This collaborative endeavor between the two parties has been formalized in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2015.

This proceedings of eco-AICCE'15 is a collection of 114 papers covering every major field of civil engineering and related areas. The papers present the most recent innovations and trends and also address concerns, practical challenges and solutions towards ensuring sustainability in the infrastructures and the associated activities. The collection of papers are directly or indirectly related to the following four major stages in the life span of an infrastructure project: (i) concept ; (ii) design; (iii) implementation ; (iv) operation.

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The editors sincerely hope that this proceedings will serve as an important reference document for academics, researchers, and practitioners from private and public sectors dealing with the subjects of sustainable infrastructure and infrastructure sustainability.

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