

Preface

This Special Topic Volume is a result from the contribution of thirty-six experts from the international scientific community in the area of Photocatalysis. It comprehensively covers the application of photocatalytic materials for degradation of organic pollutant, pesticides, and solar energy conversion in order to have clean environmental and alternative source of energy such as hydrogen. This volume provides the latest and in-depth coverage to photocatalytic nanomaterials, nano-composites materials for the environmental and energy application. Although, the development of photocatalytic materials has been highly attracted to the researchers and many are trying to focus on the synthesis of new photocatalytic materials which can be applicable for the environmental cleanup and energy generation, still the output is laying under the expectation.

Recently some study demonstrated the various photocatalytic materials activity for photocatalytic degradation of the organic pollutant under irradiation of both visible and ultraviolet energy efficient light emitting diodes at low concentration and developed various kinds of photocatalytic reactors. Additionally, development of photocatalytic materials to utilize the solar light has also had been done in last few decades. However, still the efforts are in progress to develop new materials for effective and cost-effective, and reliable process for the environmental cleanup and hydrogen generation. Presently, many researchers are working on synthesis and modifications of photocatalytic materials to utilize the solar light for environmental cleanup and hydrogen production. Here in this volume development of visible light active photocatalytic materials like TiO_2 and non- TiO_2 for various applications have been covered some extent.

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This volume contains twelve state-of-the-art research articles and reviews. These reviews are focused on the application of nanostructured photocatalyst for CO_2 reduction, solar energy conversion, photocatalytic degradation of organic pollutants and pesticides, high temperature stable anatase TiO_2 photocatalysts, and recent development in the field of fabrication of photocatalytic micro-reactors. The research article selected for this volume focused on the synthesis and characterization of various photocatalytic materials such as doped TiO_2 , Anatase TiO_2 nanotube, Doped tungsten oxide, and composites like copper/ TiO_2 , and tantalum/ TiO_2 exploring their photocatalytic activity for the degradation of pollutants present in water under irradiation of solar, ultraviolet light and light emitting diode irradiation.

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