

Use of Green Materials in Maintenance and Construction



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Abstract

The useful lives of the three strategic landfills in Hong Kong are coming to an end. We have to solve this serious waste management problem to cope with the rapid economic development of Hong Kong. New initiatives are being implemented by the Government to minimize the generation of construction waste, and to re-generate useful materials from demolition waste. New green materials have been developed in maintenance and construction of buildings so as to promote sustainability of our society, to prolong the useful life of infrastructure constructed, to reduce the maintenance and construction costs, to reduce maintenance frequency, to reduce maintenance and construction time, and to reduce construction hazards and nuisance to construction workers and the public. Some of these innovative green materials will be presented in this presentation to facilitate further discussion of the use and improvement of these products.

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