Special Issue

Utilization of Recycled Aggregates and Waste in Road Engineering

Message from the Guest Editors

The high-quality development of society is facing constraints imposed by resource scarcity, energy shortages and environmental pollution. While road engineering makes an outstanding contribution to social and economic development, the consumption of non-renewable resources during the life cycle of roads cannot be ignored. At the same time, human production and living activities have resulted in a large amount of waste for which there is a lack of resourceful utilization methods. Therefore, this Special Issue aims to stimulate broad research and discussion around waste material resourcing and its application in road engineering. The scope includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Road materials with waste components.
- Recycled aggregates in road engineering.
- Recycling of road materials and waste management.
- Bio-based materials in road engineering.
- Materials, techniques and practices related to reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP).
- Materials, technologies and methods to enhance the durability of asphalt pavements.

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