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## Characterization and Mechanism of Friction and Wear Phenomena

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# **Message from the Guest Editor**

The study on the characterization and mechanisms of friction and wear phenomena is always a matter of central focus in tribology. Since tribo-materials and friction systems have a wide variety, their properties and mechanisms have necessarily become complicated. Along with advances in measurement and analysis technologies in recent years, the essence of friction and wear phenomena will become clearer through a number of studies. For building a sustainable society for the future, it is necessary to study and develop the optimal tribological systems with a social environment.

In this Special Issue, original papers focusing on evaluating tribological properties and elucidating tribological processes from multifaceted viewpoints such as friction and wear tests, in situ measurements, and modeling and simulation in tribology are welcomed. Furthermore, the papers on the latest topics will be welcome as they aim for a deeper understanding of friction and wear phenomena in various tribo-materials and tribological systems.









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