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Message from the Guest Editors

Unmanned aircraft systems (UASs), commonly called “drones”, have been widely used in the construction jobsite. The UAS can help managers to make decisions more efficiently by flying over the site and collecting and transferring visual data. Since UASs can carry various sensors (e.g., camera, GPS, Lidar), they can provide various types of visual data through pre-/post-data processing (e.g., image processing or computer vision techniques). Since UASs produce visual data, they can be integrated with other technologies (e.g., robots, augmented/virtual realities) or building information modeling (BIM) for enhancing the level of autonomy, productivity, efficiency, and safety in the construction environment.

In this context, this Special Issue invites research papers demonstrating innovative developments in applying UASs to construction management tasks. Papers are welcome in the field of computer vision and image processing with UASs, navigation systems, integrating with the BIM, simulations, and decision making and process mapping with the UAS in any type of construction domains (e.g., road, bridge, buildings).



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