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Message from the Guest Editors

With around 70% of humanity projected to be living in urban areas by 2050 (UN 2013), cities in the future would need to provide urban services and amenities to their inhabitants on an even larger scale. The challenge would be further intensified as cities become significantly vulnerable to both natural disasters and man-made crises such as social polarization, political instability and increasing occurrence of terrorism. Future cities will demand greater attention to not only combating effects of natural phenomena, such as climate change, and also the changing socio-economic and safety landscape of the urban reality. At the same time, rapid technological advances in both material and social technology will create new possibilities and opportunities to address many of those problems. There is no doubt that the cities in the future will strive to promote various aspects of sustainability more earnestly than today and there will be more technology at hand to be applied to achieve that end. However, the challenge of attaining livable, resilient, safe and sustainable built environment would continue to be difficult. More details at:

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