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"Innovations in Materials and Structural **Engineering Practices**"

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# **Announcement and Call for Papers**

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# **Key Dates**

Abstract submission	15 May 2015	
Notification of abstract	20 May 2015	
acceptance	20 May 2015	
Submission of full paper	15 Jun 2015	
Acceptance of full paper	30 Jun 2015	
Registration as presenting author	10 Jul 2015	

#### **Abstract Submission**

An abstract of 200-300 words outlining the content and conclusions of the paper should be e-mailed to YRGS2015 secretariat: yrgs2015@um.edu.my

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## **Conference Proceedings**

Conference proceedings will be distributed to all registered participants. Only registered authors will have their papers included in proceedings.

### Official Language

The official language of the conference is English.

## Background and objectives of symposium

The mission of YRGS is to create a platform and bring together young researchers, scientists, engineers and graduates to discuss the latest issue in structural engineering and construction. YRGS promote innovative and integrative approaches in life cycle systems thinking for civil, building and bridge engineering that include planning, design, constructability, specifications, and durability. It is the purpose of YRGS to provide an Asia Pacific forum for the discussion of topics important to developing new knowledge in structural engineering and construction.

#### Past YRGS

6<sup>th</sup> YRGS: Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand, 31 July-1 August 2014

*5<sup>th</sup> YRGS*: Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, India 30–31 August 2013

4<sup>th</sup> YRGS: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China, 4–5 December 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> YRGS: National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, 25–26 March 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> YRGS: Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, 27–28 March 2010

1<sup>st</sup> YRGS: Kunsan National University, Gunsan, South Korea, 26–28 February 2009

#### **Topics of YRGS**

YRGS seeks to identify the recent innovations in structural and construction engineering with a particular emphasis on creative systems for future technologies.

### General Topics

Topics include, but are not limited to – all branches of:

- structural, materials, building, and concrete engineering;
- construction engineering and project management' contracting and claims;
- architecture;
- quality control;
- housing:
- · education and ethics.

However, all papers must relate to the civil, architectural and construction management disciplines.

# Special Topics

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structural analysis     nonlinear behaviour of structures     reinforced concrete structures     steel structures     productivity improvement     organizational behavior     knowledge	<ul> <li>bridges</li> <li>precast systems</li> <li>earthquake engineering</li> <li>tunnel and underground structures</li> <li>damage assessment</li> <li>process simulation</li> <li>project finance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>reliability         analysis</li> <li>design         uncertainties         and stochastic         variability</li> <li>optimal design</li> <li>cost control</li> <li>construction         automation</li> <li>smart structures</li> <li>industrialization</li> <li>lifetime and         infrastructure</li> </ul>
management	<ul> <li>knowledge</li> </ul>	networks.
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## **About Kuala Lumpur**

Kuala Lumpur is the federal capital and most populous city in Malaysia. The city covers an area of 243 km<sup>2</sup> (94 sq mi) and has an estimated population of 1.6 million as of 2010. Greater Kuala Lumpur, also known as the Klang Valley, is an urban agglomeration of 6.9 million as of 2010. The city was once home to the executive and iudicial branches of the federal government, but they were moved to Putrajaya in early 1999. Some sections of the judiciary still remain in the capital city of Kuala Lumpur. The official residence of the Malaysian King, the Istana Negara, is also situated in Kuala Lumpur. Rated as an alpha world city, Kuala Lumpur is the cultural, financial and economic centre of Malaysia due to its position as the capital as well as being a key city. Kuala Lumpur was ranked 48th among global cities by Foreign Policy's 2010 Global Cities Index and was ranked 67th among global cities for economic and social innovation by the 2thinknow Innovation Cities Index in 2010. Since the 1990s, the city has played host to many international sporting, political and cultural events including the 1998 Commonwealth Games and the Formula One Grand Prix. In addition, Kuala Lumpur is home to the tallest twin buildings in the world, the Petronas Twin Towers, which have become an iconic symbol of Malaysia's futuristic development.

#### **Conference Venue**

The symposium will be held at Faculty of Engineering, University of Malaya which is conveniently located on the outskirt of Kuala Lumpur. For accommodation, symposium participants are offered with a rich variety of hotels within the proximity of university as well as in the vibrant city center.

# **Symposium Registration Fee**

Overseas Participant USD 150

Local Participant RM 450

The registration pays for all conference lunches, coffee breaks, banquet and technical sessions. Except for the accompanying person, each registered participant will also receive a conference kit.

# Symposium Website

http://umconference.um.edu.my/YRGS2015