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Preface

Technological advancements in structural engineering and construction are the outcome of collective research, development and practical innovation from individuals, research communities, and industrial professionals. An international conference serves as an effective platform for bringing together the latest advancements in research, development, and practice.

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This book covers a wide range of topics in the area of legal affairs and contracting, construction technology and innovation, facilities and asset management, project management and risk analysis, safety and quality, planning and development, analysis and design of structural systems, materials, pavement, architecture, water infrastructure and management, and education and sustainability, among many more.

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