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Preface

This is the inaugural issue of the *International Journal of Engineering, Construction and Computing (IJECC)*, a peer-reviewed journal devoted to the broad disciplines that the title represents. As diverse as these disciplines may seem to be, they are in fact also very much interconnected and overlapping. The solutions of the complex problems in today's world increasingly require an approach that transcends different disciplines: researchers working together drawing on their disciplinary knowledge, integrating their methods and designs. This journal embodies such an approach. Its mission is to enable academia and industry an avenue to publish research not only within a particular discipline, but also across and at the intersections of the different disciplines of Engineering, Construction and Computing.

Moreover, IJECC is intended as a channel for researchers, including but not limited to those in early career, to disseminate new knowledge and developments from theory to practice. It will cover research papers reporting new theoretical developments, advancements in computational methods, recent experimental findings, innovative design and practice in the real world. As the journal grew out of Western Sydney University, it especially welcomes papers with an educational and research focus. Indeed the inaugural issue features papers that span the broad spectrum from the computational to experimental and field investigation in the real world, including one on water education.

This being the inaugural issue, I would especially like to thank the Editorial Board Members, the reviewers and many others who have made this possible. I am indebted to Jenis Farzana Islam and Dr Md Kamrul Hassan for their editorial coordination and to Sumya Rahman for English editing of the manuscripts. Above all, I am very grateful to Prof Dr Ataur Rahman who has worked tirelessly and single-mindedly to push for this journal to come into fruition.

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