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## Concrete Model Code for Asia IABSE Colloquium Phuket March 17-18, 1999

### Preface :

In globalization, engineering and technology become one of the most important items for economic and social development. Structural concrete is well known and popular among construction materials all over the world, especially in Asia. A Concrete Model Code for Asia is drafted by the International Committee on Concrete Model Code (ICCMC) with support from JCI (Japanese Concrete Institute) and some other professional organisations in Asian countries such as the EIT (Engineering Institute of Thailand), HAKI-Conference (Indonesia, State Education Commission of China (ICI), Indian Concrete Institute, and National University of Singapore. The frameworks and details have been developed since 1992 through conference, meeting, seminar, workshop and correspondence.

The first two drafts have been approved by the international committee and the model code can now be adopted as national ones, which may vary from country to country depending on local practices and related laws and regulations. This colloquium will summarise the problem from each country and present experiences from engineers and practitioners not only in the region but also from Europe and America, where the Eurocodes and the ACI-Building Code are being implemented.

This colloquium will bring and share information and experiences gathered by participants related to their own national building codes. Applying the Concrete Model Code to national codes calls for education, local industries, code drafting committees and practicing engineers in order to overcome any problems. The colloquium will explore methods for effective implementation of the Concrete Model Code.

The five keynote lectures, three invited papers and thirty-two accepted papers will be presented at the colloquium and are divided into three sessions:

- Session A: Design
- Session B: Materials and Construction
- Session C: Maintenance

I would like to thank all members of the Scientific Committee, the Organising Committee, Advisory Committee and also my colleagues for their contributions in preparing this colloquium. I am sure that the proceeding will be very important for the public and professional engineering and can be utilized in professional practices.