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# Research on Concrete Durability: My experience and request for young researchers

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Specimen No.	w/c	Estimated Initiation Period (years)	
		Cover depth = 35mm	Cover depth = 55m
OPC	0.45	3.9 year	Over 21 years
OPC	0.60	1.8 year	5.1 year
OPC	0.75	0.6 year	2.4 year
Blast Furnace Slag	0.60	Over 12 years	Over 21 years
Fly Ash	0.60	3.7 year	Over 21 years
Silica Fume	0.60	Over 12 years	Over 21 years
Blast Furnace Slag	0.75	2.4 year	19.6 year





- sulfate attack (master thesis)
- Deterioration found in PARI, in marine tidal condition





- Long-tem exposure test is a message...
- (1) From senior to junior over several generations.
- (2) Conversation with natural environments through the language of specimen, or response from environments to us.
- I express sincere and many thanks to old members of PHRI and PARI for their effort to start this precious long-term exposure test.

























## Water scarcity ?

- The lack of fresh water resources to meet water demand.
- A mere **0.014%** of all water on Earth is both fresh and easily accessible. Of the remaining, **97%** is saline and a little less than **3%** is hard to access.
- The essence of global water scarcity is the geographic and temporal mismatch between freshwater demand and availability.

# Water stress ?

- More than one in every six people in the world is water stressed, meaning that they do not have sufficient access to potable water.
- Those that are water stressed make up 1.1 billion people in the world and are living in developing countries.



## Water crisis ?

- When there is **not enough potable water for a given population**, the threat of a water crisis is realized.
- In 2025, **2/3 of world population** will be suffered from water shortage, even drinking water.

#### Water : The new oil ! In 21st Century

*Goldman Sachs* estimates that global water consumption is doubling every 20 years, and *United Nations* expects that demand for pure water will outstrip the supply by more than 30% by 2040.





# *Water : The new oil !* Rural residents *around the US* are trying to sell their land and water to multinational water bottlers.

JCI (JAPAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF SEAWATER IN CONCRETE 2012 -

- In the field of concrete, billions tons of freshwater is consumed annually for mixing, curing and washing.
- Seawater is presently not permitted to be used for these purposes. Active use of seawater in the field would help more effective use of freshwater resources.

#### Committee report

- Chapter 1 Objectives and activities of the Committee
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- Chapter 3 Evaluation of the material properties of concrete
- Chapter 4 **Durability** of concrete mixed with seawater
- Chapter 5 Higher performance of concrete mixed with seawater and appropriate reinforcement
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#### Seawater for Concrete Production ?

#### Negative aspect:

- \* All the standards in the world inhibit using seawater as mixing water for RC.
- \* Almost all the authorities in the world are against.

#### Positive aspect:

\* Some researchers reported "not so bad" to use seawater with mineral admixtures.

















































0.025

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0NN

CNI

mortar

CNI coating

1.00

0N

10.00

3NN

CNI coating

3N









What is Innovation ? Originality ? in Concrete Engineering / Research • In near future, seawater mixing will be inevitable technique in concrete engineering almost all over the world under collaboration of concrete engineer and corrosion engineer.

#### Innovation

• **Innovation** in its modern meaning is "a new idea, creative thoughts, new imaginations in form of device or method".

- Innovation is related to, but not the same as, <u>invention</u>.
- Innovation is a "<u>New combination or new</u> <u>connection</u>" which create new idea, unknown results.



Professor of Kyoto University

Novel Prize Winner in Chemistry

Dr. Kenichi Fukui

Originality is ... to look at or think a "fact", "phenomenon", etc. by new way, which nobody did nor nobody could find...













#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

- -- Message to Young Engineers --
- 1. Young students are requested to perform innovative and excellent research works to solve the problems related to the durability of concrete.
- If we can make long-term durable concrete, our future generation will certainly construct sustainable social system (society) all over the world.
- 3. We can also save our **planet's environment** as well as it's limited resources.

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Hope to see you again directly !! after present disaster/pandemic.

Thank you very much for your kind attention. October

2020

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