



Universiti Malaya Civil Engineering Competition(UMCvEC)

HANDBOOK

Welcome to UMCvEC 2025

EnviroBowl Concrete

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VENUE: Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Malaya



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INTRODUCTION TO UMCvEC 2025

The Universiti Malaya Civil Engineering Competition (UMCvEC) is an annual competition organized by the Universiti Malaya Department of Civil Engineering.

Building on the enthusiasm and growing number of participants from past events, we are proud to continue organizing this prestigious competition each year. Since 2017, UMCvEC has fostered collaboration, challenged conventional practices, and driven forward the future of eco-conscious construction.

This year, we are excited to carry forward our commitment to sustainability and engineering excellence. As we proudly uphold the tradition and focus of our **flagship competition: Concrete Bowling**—a platform that challenges creativity, technical skills, and sustainable practices in concrete design.

UMCvEC 2025 celebrates the **200th anniversary of Portland cement**, reflecting on its significance in construction while encouraging the pursuit of eco-friendly alternatives. In line with this milestone, we introduce this year's theme: **EnviroBowl Concrete**, emphasizing green technology and the integration of environmentally friendly binders in concrete mixtures. As the industry shifts toward sustainability, the competition serves as a **platform for innovative solutions that balance durability, efficiency, and environmental responsibility**. Through sustainable materials and cutting-edge approaches, we aim to inspire the next generation of engineers to push the boundaries of eco-conscious construction.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF FACULTY & DIRECTOR

The Dean of Engineering Faculty

On behalf of the faculty, I am excited to invite you to the Universiti Malaya Civil Engineering Competition 2025 (UMCvEC 2025). This event highlights the fusion of innovation and practical application in civil engineering. Participants will have the challenge of designing and constructing bowling balls using concrete, showcasing both their theoretical knowledge and practical skills. As you engage in this exciting project, remember that each step is an opportunity for growth and innovation. Let us unite to celebrate the foundational principles of Civil Engineering while promoting collaboration and striving for excellence.



Prof. Ir. Dr. Nik Nazri Nik Ghazali



Ms. Boo Xin Ni

Director of UMCvEC 2025

It is my pleasure to welcome all participants on behalf of the organizing committee and wish you the best of luck. As the director, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our advisors for their invaluable support and guidance, as well as to all committee members for their dedication and hard work in making this event possible. Your commitment to excellence and attention to detail have been instrumental in ensuring our success. Thank you for your contributions.

JUDGES INTRODUCTION

PROFESSOR IR MO KIM HUNG



Professor at Sunway University's School of Engineering.

- PhD from Universiti Malaya in structural engineering and materials.
- Professional Engineer registered with the Board of Engineers Malaysia.
- Specializes in concrete materials technology, advocating for green and low carbon cement and concrete.
- Over 100 publications in journals and RM 1.0 million in research funding.
- Actively engages with local and international engineering communities, contributing to international conferences and student competitions.

TS. NURSYUHADA BINTI CHE HUSSAIN



Technical Manager at YTL Cement's Construction Development Lab

- Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from UiTM.
- 10 years of experience in concrete industry.
- Oversees quality control and research for materials and technologies.
- Maintains direct communication with production team, sales department, and clients.
- Involved in significant projects in Kuala Lumpur. (The Exchange 106, SUKE highway, DASH Highway, MRT 2, LRT 3 and many more.)

MR. GAN CHENG CHIAN



Civil Engineer with 36 Years Experience

- B. Eng. from National University of Singapore.
- Member of SS674-2021 Working Group since 2019.
- Domain Expert for Sprayed Concrete and Fibre Reinforced Concrete under Intelligent National Productivity and Quality Specification Singapore.
- Involved in over 22 sprayed fibre concrete tunnel linings and precast segmental and cast concrete tunnel lining projects.

PN. SALWATI MOHD SUKRI



Head of QA/QC at Unipati Concrete Sdn Bhd

- Holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from UiTM
- 13 years of expertise in concrete mix optimization, quality assurance, and R&D.
- Developed concrete solutions, including low-carbon, ultra-high strength concrete.
- Certified Quality Management Representative for ISO 9001:2015 and internal auditor for ISO 37001:2016.
- Collaborates on R&D initiatives with PLUS, Petronas, and Nano Malaysia.

ADVISORS OF UMCvEC 2025



**ASSOCIATE PROF.
DR. TAN CHEE GHUAN**
Advisors



DR. LEONG GEOK WEN
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INNOVATING SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION:

GFRP REBAR FOR SEA SAND AND SEAWATER CONCRETE

As the construction industry evolves to meet global sustainability goals, innovative practices are gaining traction. One such approach is the use of sea sand and seawater in concrete, which offers an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional construction materials. This method not only reduces reliance on freshwater and river sand but also contributes to more sustainable and durable marine structures.

The Need for Sustainable Solutions

The construction industry is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for approximately 37% of global emissions. As water-stressed regions face increasing challenges, the use of seawater and sea sand in concrete presents a viable alternative to traditional materials.

This shift not only reduces the environmental footprint of construction projects but also mitigates the rising costs associated with freshwater and river sand.

The Challenge of Reinforced Concrete in Marine Applications

While the integration of sea sand and seawater into concrete is a significant advancement, the true challenge lies in reinforcing this concrete effectively. Traditional steel reinforcement is prone to corrosion, especially in chloride-rich environments, which can lead to structural failures over time. Glass Fibre Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) rebar emerges as the keystone of this innovation, offering a sustainable and durable solution that outperforms conventional materials.

Cost-Effectiveness and Lifecycle Benefits

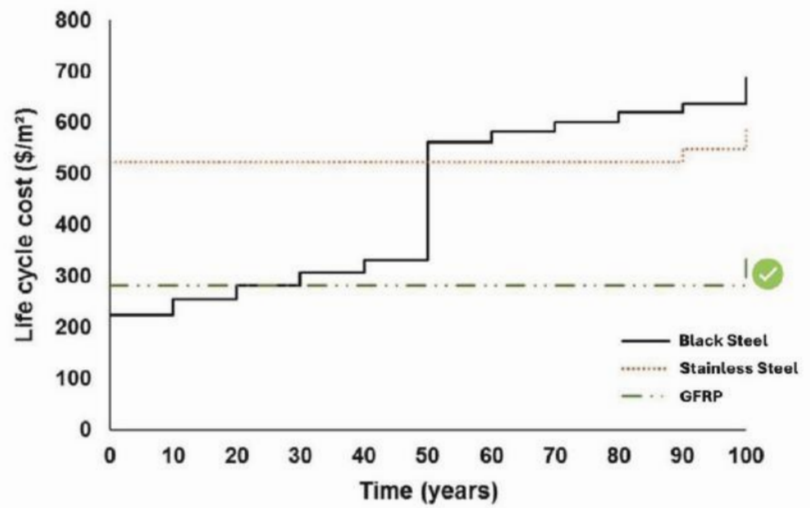
GFRP rebar not only matches the initial construction costs of traditional methods but also provides substantial lifecycle savings. Its resistance to corrosion means lower maintenance costs and longer service life, making it a more economical choice in the long run. This is particularly important in coastal regions where the harsh environment can significantly shorten the lifespan of traditional reinforced concrete.

The key ingredient in seawater concrete is the mineral admixture (granulated blast furnace slag, fly ash, or silica fume), which, when combined with lime and seawater, undergoes a reaction to create a durable and strong material. Some chemical admixtures, such as superplasticizers, can also be added to enhance the concrete properties.

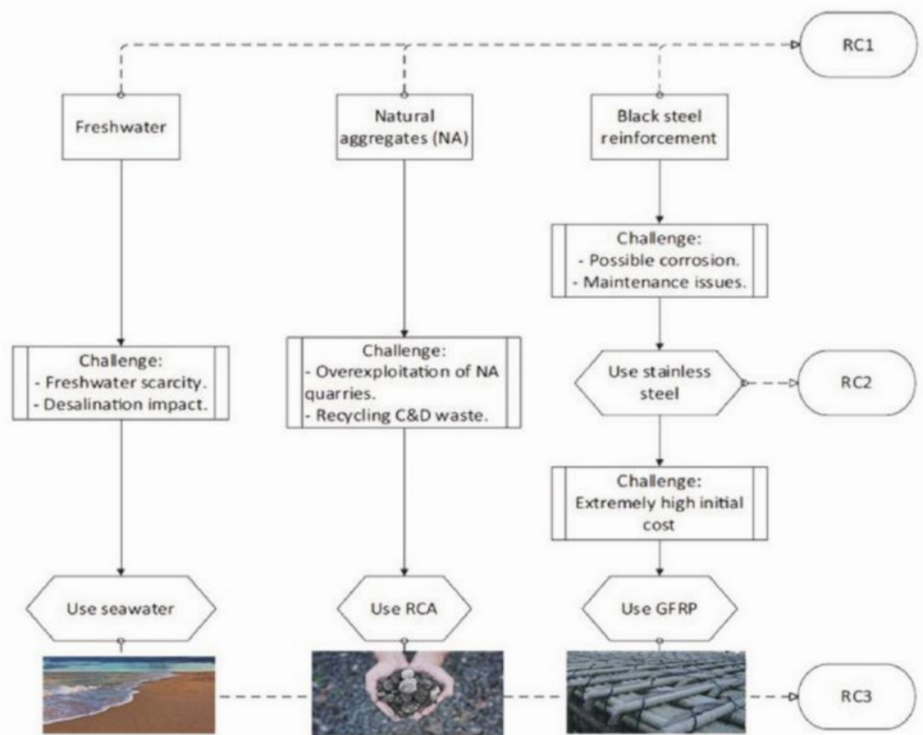
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Learn more about **Dextra's** GFRP rebar: www.dextragroup.com/composite



Life cycle cost analysis of structural concrete using seawater, recycled concrete aggregate, and GFRP reinforcement - Younis, Ebead, Judd - Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering, Qatar University - Published in "Construction and Building Materials" (2018)



Flow diagram for the decision of the design alternatives



TENTATIVE

7.00 AM Arrival & Registration of Participants

7.30 AM Participation Booth Set-Up

8.15 AM Opening Ceremony

9.15 AM Booth Showcase

9.50 AM Competition Session 1

12.30 PM Lunch Break

1.15 PM Competition Session 2

4.30 PM Closing & Awards Giving Ceremony

5.30 PM Event Dismissal

TEAM SEQUENCE

		Presentation	Strength Test	Bowling Session
9.50 AM	Competition Session 1	1	6	10
		2	7	11
		3	17	12
		4	18	13
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short break				
11.00 AM		5	10	14
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12.30 PM	LUNCH BREAK			
1.15 PM	Competition Session 2	10	2	8
		11	3	9
		12	4	6
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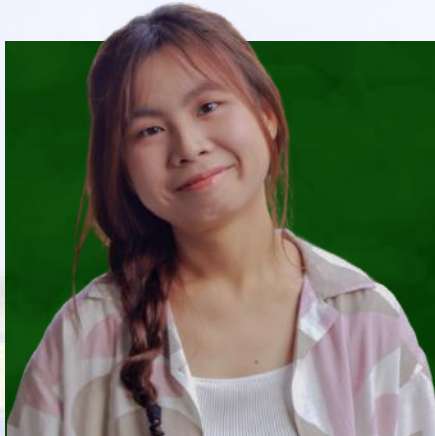
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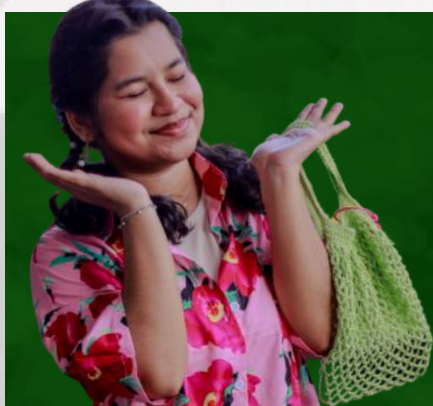
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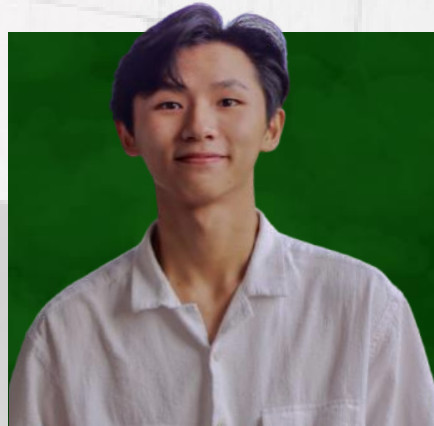
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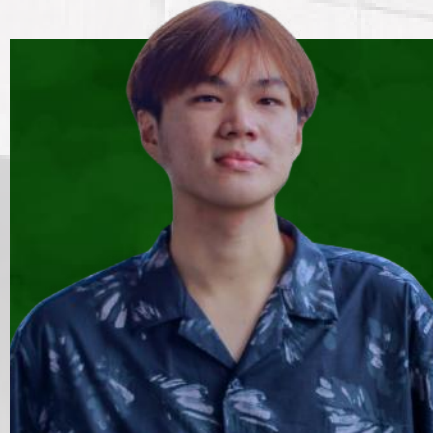
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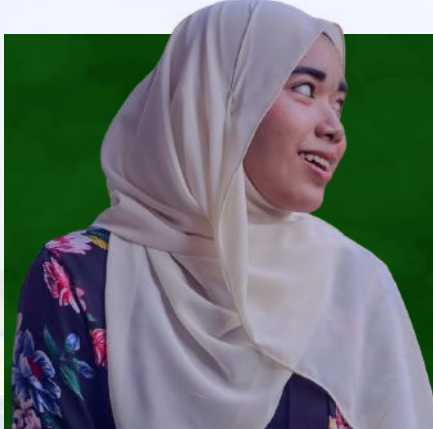


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