

Editorial Note

The editorial board is presenting to you the third edition of the Journal of Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection. The research articles selected in this edition includes research reports, reviews and analysis which follows the same streak like the previous editions with inter and multi disciplinary trend.

The journal supports the assertion that sustainable development and environmental protection paradigms may not be against the utilization of nature given resources but only emphasizes its sustainable management. Nations that are endowed with natural resource such as petroleum derive mostly their earnings from it. Its exploration and exploitation have attendants' consequences which may include but not limited to oil spillage on land and water bodies. This at many times engenders conflict, instability, displacement, food insecurity and impoverishment of the people in the affected area(s). An article selected in this issue discusses bioremediation as a tool for the remediation of oil pollution. The studies on bioremediation is a review of research carried out by TERI-Indian which depicts the rejuvenation of places affected by oil wastes, thereby suggesting it as one of the necessary steps that could be adopted by policy makers and stakeholders for its remediation.

Two articles in this issue analyses concerns pertaining to sustainable housing in developing nations. The two research articles argue that housing is both sociocultural and economic construct that needs to be sustainable. One of the articles articulates the framework for assessment of its sustainable order, evaluated the prospects and challenges of Compressed Stabilized Laterite Bricks (CSLBs) as a building material.

The continuous population increase experienced in different parts of the world comes with rapid urbanization in some region. An article examines the connection of

urbanization and safe water in a developing economy mega-city. The article argues that urban wholesome water shortage may hinder the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the city. The protection of streams water through an oxidation pond system is reviewed in one of the articles. The articles analysis and showcased how to preserve lives of users of adjoining streams within the immediate vicinity of industrial set ups.

Apart from issues like water security, sustainable development and environmental protection embraces food security. Sustainable agricultural land is indispensable in achieving food security. An article selected for this edition analyzes the use of Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System (GIS) in agricultural land use planning. The theory in developing a Compton Scattering Tomography (CST) System for Soil Studies is also included in this edition which delineates a proposal to take care of spatially-varying attenuation.

A research article titled "The Utilization of Citrus Peel for Pectinase Production" which scientifically analyzes the production of environment-friendly and economically attractive bioprocesses as a substitute to conventional chemical processes in industries is included in this edition. This supports the intertwine nature of the environment and economy for the sustainability and protection of the universe.

A paper in this edition analyses sustainable strategy to finance environmental projects in sub-Saharan Africa.

The editorial board is of the opinion that this edition aligns with the main foundational intention of the Journal of Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection to build information on environmental sustainability and environmental protection and believes this is met in this issue. Therefore, we welcome feedbacks, advice, comments and reaction from our readers.

Kind regards,

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