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## Preface

A better living in the future environment is the common wish of the whole of humankind. Since most metropolitan cities are located in coastal regions, coastal engineering geology has become a major concern in human activities. Many engineering geological problems have been encountered in the process of planning, construction, and service in coastal regions.

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