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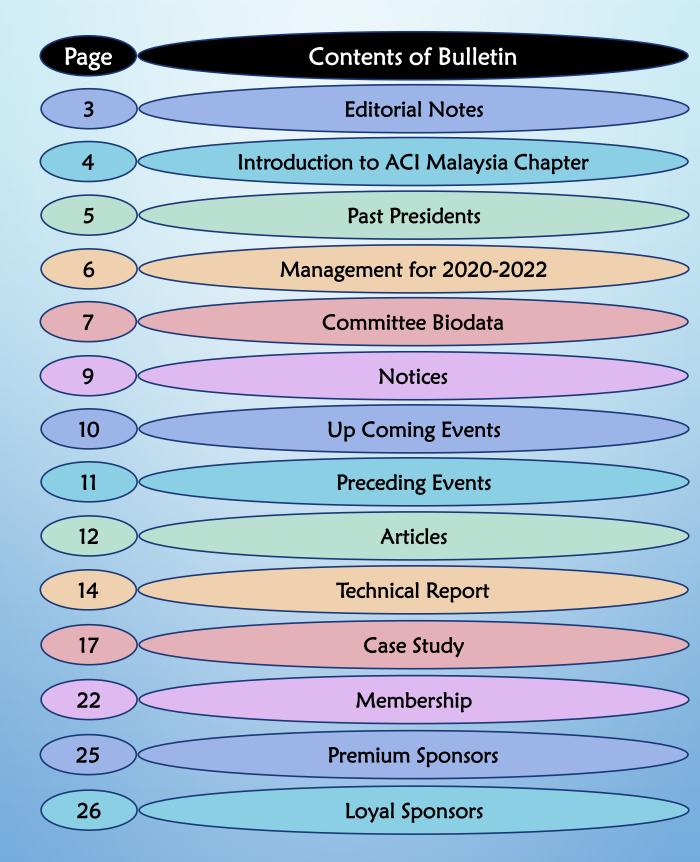
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## **Editorial Note**

We are pleased to present the third issue of volume twelve of MyConcrete bulletin, the official bulletin of American Concrete Institute – Malaysia Chapter (ACI – Malaysia Chapter). The bulletin publishes latest research and case studies conducted in academia and industries for the concrete industry professional.

As usual this issue also contains three articles, i.e., industry article, technical report, and a case study. The first article reports an industry article that reports the valuable information on pigmented concrete façade. It provides some examples of pigmented concrete façade around the world including Malaysia. The second paper is a technical report based on the research in academia. It focuses on the behavior of reinforced concrete beam strengthened with prestressed fiber reinforced polymers (FRPs). The strengthening mechanism of different ways of prestressing and some real-life examples of the system are reported in the article. Lastly, a case study contributed by Mapei Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. The article is based on the structural assessment of Kuantan Port, a multipurpose port in the East Coast Region of Peninsular Malaysia, situated about 25 km to the north of Kuantan city and facing the South China Sea. The port infrastructures suffered from deterioration due to reinforcement corrosion and subsequent spalling of concrete cover. The assessment was done to provide total solution for repairing the concrete infrastructures in the port using Mapei products. The editorial team believes these articles provides valuable insights for the concrete industry professionals. We would like to thank the contributors of the articles for this issue of MyConcrete bulletin.

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We would like to invite concrete industry professionals and researchers to contribute articles for the upcoming issues of MyConcrete bulletin. The sponsorship for upcoming issues is also open for the concrete industries. We hope to get more sponsorship for the upcoming issues.

Thank you very much for your reading.

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Editor, MyConcrete Bulletin

**Errata:** In the previous version of this bulletin, the name of the port was misspelled as Port Klang in the editorial. It should appear as Kuantan Port. We have corrected it in this version of the bulletin. The editorial team apologizes for this mistake.



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James Lim completed his degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Auckland in 1996. He started his career as a structural engineer with a consultancy firm and subsequently developed his interests in concrete repair and waterproofing. He then went on to work for companies such as Hilti, MC Bauchemie and Fosroc in product sales and specification work. In 2002, he obtained his Executive MBA from the University of Bath UK. In 2005, he ventured out from the corporate world to start his own specialist contracting company specializing in concrete repair and waterproofing servicing the construction industry in Malaysia.

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Eric obtained his Bachelor and Masters in Engineering in Australia in the year 2006 and 2012. He spent some 6 years in environmental engineering consulting in Australia where he gained significant experience in playing leading technical roles in many major complex engineering and environmental projects. On returning to Malaysia in 2013, Eric took on a leading role in managing and leading the technical advisory support to the Sales and Marketing Team in the decorative concrete industry. Over the last 5 years, Eric has worked proactively with the manufacturing arm to explore environmentally friendly decorative concrete paving products.



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## **Pigmented Concrete Facade Finishing (Part 1)**

By: Oscar R.H Teng, Tony Teng

Façade, have you ever wondered how do you read this word? Have you come across this word around while being in the construction industry? There have been multiple pronunciations in the construction industry especially in Malaysia. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, the proper pronunciation is /fə'sɑ:d/ (Cambridge University Press, 2020), which in other words, it is similar to "Far – Sud". According to the above dictionary, façade is defined as; the front of a building, especially a large or attractive building (Cambridge University Press, 2020) where in lay-man term, the make-up of the building.

Among the range of façade materials, concrete façade has its own unique character. It is believed that concrete façade serves to bridge between the design of ancient stone façade of castle like buildings to modernized unique curvy designs. This is due to concrete being 'malleable' which enable the shape of the concrete to be limitless as long as the mould can be fabricated.



With the advancement of concrete technology and knowledge, concrete façade has developed from painted concrete to stained concrete and further to pigmented concrete as the replacement of conventionally dull color concrete. To further explain pigmented concrete, it is the mixture of color pigments dispersing in the medium of cement mortar (binder) in order to create colored concrete when cured.

One of the recent building in Malaysia was constructed with it's entire building covered with pigmented concrete as their façade curtain wall with combinations of aluminium-frame and glass is The Chow Kit Hotel located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Unsurprisingly, such distinguish design has won itself multiple press featurings including but not limited to; Monocle (UK);'Key Opening' and The New York Time Onlne; '52 Place To Go in 2020' (Ormond Group, 2019).

The beauty of pigmented façade is the huge contrast of color depending on the time, light, and weather effect on the concrete. With all theses features, this is one of the reason why The Chow Kit was featured. At noon, the façade is more towards brown in color while evening, the color will turn slightly reddish. Even better, as night falls, the building will appear more amazing when the color appear to be brownish-red especially when the spot lights illuminated the façade.





(Left)The Chow Kit by Ormond Group, evening sun (Ormond Group, 2019) (Right)Side view of The Chow Kit by Ormond Group, night view(Ormond Group, 2019)

Apart from Malaysia, pigmented concrete is being used all over the world as façade. Pigmented concrete can be shaped into different shapes just like normal concrete. Below are some buildings from all over the world which are featured in both 'Archdaily' website that present architecturally interesting building internationally and 'Concrete Construction' website where usage of concrete is often discussed.

### The Casa das Historias Paula Rego (ArchDaily, 2020)

Built in year 2008, designed by architect Eduardo Souto de Moura. This building have two iconic red pigmented concrete pyramid-shape towers. Being a museum, having a timeless design using pigmented concrete has always been a choice by many architects.





### L23 House (ArchDaily, 2020)

Built in 2011, designed by Pitagoras Group. This is a private house located on a slope of a higher point of Guimaraes city, Portugal. In order to outstand the house itself on a slope full of greens, black pigmented concrete façade was selected as a contrast on the hill.

### Textilmacher (ArchDaily, 2020)

Built in 2013, designed by Tillicharchitektur. Textilmacher is an office building/showroom located in Munich, Germany. The building is designed for a company that does textile print and embroidery. Hence, the iconic geometry folded design is combined with grey pigmented concrete façade to represent the character of the textile company. Nevertheless, depending on the season, time, light shining on the building and the weather, the pigmented façade will change it character continuously.



Pigmented concrete façade is not limited to rectangular panels but can be designed to any forms. With different texture/shapes of pigmented concrete, we can achieve various kinds of finishing effects. We shall discuss about the finishing textures available for pigmented concrete in the next article.



## **Technical Reports**

### **STRENGTHENING OF RC BEAMS USING PRESTRESSED FRPs** MUHAMMAD ASLAM<sup>1</sup> and PAYAM SHAFIGH<sup>2</sup>

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The service life of concrete structures mainly depends upon both the satisfactory design and use of appropriate construction materials. Any flaw in these factors may result in the early degradation and deterioration of the structure. The replacement of such structures is not always possible due to the high operational expenditure and their usage limitations. The only way to retain the structure in a safe working mode is to strengthen or renovate the structures [1]. A number of attempts have been undertaken by the researchers to identify the most suitable materials and appropriate techniques to strengthen the deficient structures, which resulted in an abrupt increase in the use of the prestressing technique for this purpose. Nowadays, strengthening has widely been done using prestressed materials, such as steel tendon and fiber reinforced polymers [2].

Prestressing the FRPs allows the material to efficiently utilize its tensile capacity which enhances its ultimate and serviceability limit capabilities [3]. The popular types of FRP identified by researchers include aramid fiber reinforced polymers (AFRP), carbon fiber reinforced polymers (CFRP) and glass fiber reinforced polymers (GFRP) in the form of rods, strips, plates and laminates. The aim of this study is to find out that which material has received considerable attention from researchers using different prestressing techniques. The use of prestressed CFRP under near surface mounted, externally bonded reinforcement and externally posttensioned techniques is presented and the corresponding advantages and disadvantages are highlighted.

### PRESTRESSED STRENGTHENING MATERIALS

The steel and FRPs have been used in the strengthening of deteriorated structures (Fig. 1). Steel is the traditional and commonly used material. Though all the materials are adequate for strengthening, however, the passage of time and the advancement in the subject have led researchers to explore strengthening materials that have the ability to provide maximum benefits in terms of strength, serviceability and construction, as well as maintenance cost. In steel, the ductility, good strength to weight ratio and low fabrication and erection costs makes it a suitable material for strengthening purposes in both normal and prestressed conditions. Strengthening by prestressed steel tendons is a popular method due to its availability, uniform material properties, easy of working, high ductility and high strength. Strengthening reinforced concrete beams with steel tendons is an efficient technique.

However, the disadvantages exhibited by prestressed steel tendons motivated the researchers to identify a better replacement for steel for the purpose of strengthening. Importantly, the upgrading of concrete structures is not easy in most cases as structures pose a difficult and different set of problems.

Prestressed FRPs compensate the weaknesses displayed by prestressed steel and have been introduced in recent decades as a more suitable strengthening material than steel. Prestressed FRPs have recently been used in concrete structural members as external or internal reinforcement instead of conventional steel tendons. FRPs have good potential of use due to their desirable properties in prestressed conditions. These properties include high performance, high strength-to-weight ratio, high stiffness to weight ratio, high energy absorption, corrosion resistance and high fatigue resistance. When used for strengthening, prestressed FRPs can control the aging of construction materials and can sustain the impacts of vehicles and fire far better than prestressed steel. Seismic upgrading and changes in the use of the structure are also more easily accommodated through the use of these polymers. Among the available FRPs, prestressed CFRP accounts for 95% usage in applications adopted for the strengthening of structures. Prestressed CFRPs are suitable where the strength, stiffness, lower weight and fatigue are critical issues. Moreover, CFRPs are useful in applications that require high temperature resistance, chemical attack resistance and damping resistance. At this stage, it is essential to validate the suitability of prestressed CFRP usage under different prestressing techniques.

FRP materials have great advantages for using in prestressing and post-tensioning strengthening applications. Beside their economic benefits, prestressed FRP systems provide the following benefits and advantages: i) it can improve the serviceability of the beam, ii) reduce the dead load deflections, iii) it can reduce the crack widths and delay start of cracking, iv) it can relieve the strains in the internal steel reinforcement, v) it can increase the yielding of internal steel reinforcement at a higher proportion of the ultimate load, vi) it can provide more efficient use of the concrete and the FRP materials.



### PRESTRESSED STRENGTHENING TECHNIQUES

All of these materials (steel and FRPs) have been investigated under a variety of strengthening techniques that include near surface mounted (NSM), externally bonded reinforcement (EBR) and external post-tensioning (EPT) as can be seen in figure 1 by using anchorage and non-anchorage systems [4]. Strengthening using prestressed NSM CFRP technique is growing widely and offers an alternative to the EBR and EPT prestressing systems. The schematic diagram of NSM prestressed FRP reinforcement and its real-life application are shown in Figs. 2 & 3.

However, the real-life application of EBR and EPT with prestressed FRP reinforcement is shown in Figs. 4 & 5, respectively.

The following are some of the advantages of NSM over EBR and EPT:

• Excellent for strengthening in the negative moment regions, where EBR would be subjected to mechanical and environmental damage.

- Feasibility of anchoring into members adjacent to the one to be strengthened.
- Less likely to debond near ultimate capacity.
- Protection of the embedded FRP in the grooves from external damage, such as vehicle impact, better fire performance, resistance to moisture and avoids freeze-thaw problems.
- The choice of FRP material with higher strength and modulus of elasticity such as CFRP instead of GFRP and AFRP, would allow the use of smaller FRP and groove cross sectional areas; hence, there is less risk of interfering with the internal reinforcement.
- In terms of structural behaviour, it's most relevant mechanical properties are the tensile and shear strengths; therefore, the grooves can be properly filled with epoxy adhesive or cement mortar.

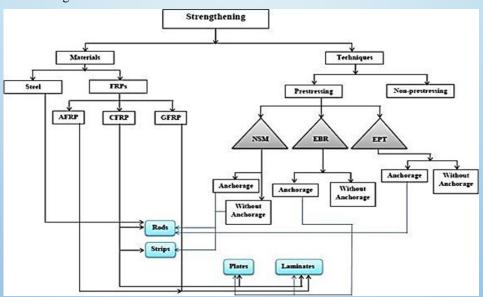


Fig. 1. Chart of Strengthening Process

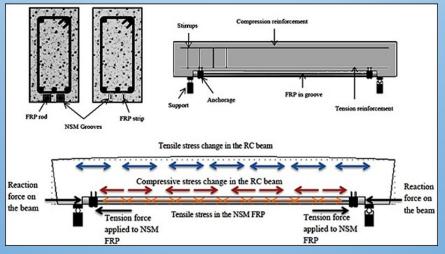


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of NSM prestressed FRP reinforcement



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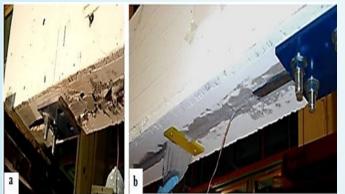


Fig. 3. The application of NSM method using prestressed FRP bar for strengthening RC beam [5]



Fig. 4. Real life picture of externally prestressed CFRP bonded strengthened building, Ebikon, Switzerland (CH) [6]



Fig. 5. Real life strengthened bridge (EPT Technique)

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The general conclusion made from this study are summarized below:

Compared to FRPs, the prestressed steel has comparatively heavier weight and low resistance against adverse environmental conditions that can produce a larger reduction in its mechanical properties.

- Compared to prestressed steel, prestressed FRPs exhibited good potential and desirable structural properties including high flexural strength, enhance the ultimate load carrying capacity, reduce the deflections, high strength to weight ratio, high stiffness to weight ratio, high energy absorptions, corrosion resistance and high fatigue resistance. Moreover, the debonding resistance of prestressed FRP is higher than for prestressed steel.
- Among the types of FRPs, CFRPs are more likely to contain all the advantages of other FRPs, and, in addition, it was observed that prestressed CFRPs increase the flexural strength and ductility of the structure.
- The near surface mounted (NSM) technique provides a shield to the prestressed strengthening material against the environment, and, at the same time, provides an optimum and quick experimental setup. In addition, it may improve the cracking, yielding and ultimate loads more effectively.

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## Kuantan Port, Pahang



### About Kuantan Port

Kuantan Port is a multipurpose port in the East Coast Region of Peninsular Malaysia, situated about 25 km to the north of Kuantan city and facing South China Sea. Previously run by Kuantan Port Authority, it has been privatised since 1998 and is currently operated by Kuantan Port Consortium Sdn Bhd.

With the development of Malaysia-China Kuantan Industrial Park (MCKIP) and the ECRL, Kuantan Port is becoming a world class port and various expansion is underway. Part of the port expansion project (New Deep Water Terminal), there are also refurbishments projects of existing wharf to double its capacity to 52 million freight weight tonnes (FWT) and enable larger ships to berth.



### The Project Needs

The wharf has been suffered with reinforcement bars corrosion that had lead to concrete spalled due to high chloride environment. Kuantan Port Consortium Sdn Bhd decided to refurbish the port as Kuantan Port is set to become a crucial multi-purpose port in the region. The project was awarded to 3R Systems Sdn Bhd.

### The Proposed Solutions & Why MAPEI was selected

MAPEI was able to propose a total solution from reinforcement bars treatment until protective coatings to the awarded contractor.

#### The MAPEI Solution, material quantities & project dimensions

| MAPEI Product                 | Function           | Applied on         |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| a) Epojet LV                  | Crack filling      | Underwharf         |  |
| b) Adesilex PG2 TG            | Crack sealing      | Underwharf         |  |
| g) Mapecoat ZR MY             | Protective coating | Reinforcement bars |  |
| d) Planitop G40 SP            | Patch repair       | Underwharf         |  |
| e) Mapefill MC 06             | Formwork repair    | Underwharf         |  |
| f) Antipluviol S-MY           | Protective coating | Underwharf         |  |
| g) Colorite Performances S-MY | Protective coating | Underwharf         |  |

The works were carried out over a period from December, 2017 to December, 2018.



## Picture, the works of concrete repair...





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### Picture, the works of concrete repair...



Preparing formwork to under wharf for concrete repair.





### Picture, the works of concrete repair...



After application of Mapefill MC 06



Continue with the application of Planitop G40 SP



Splash water on the surface for the first 24 hours of curing to avoid surface cracks from plastic shrinkage.

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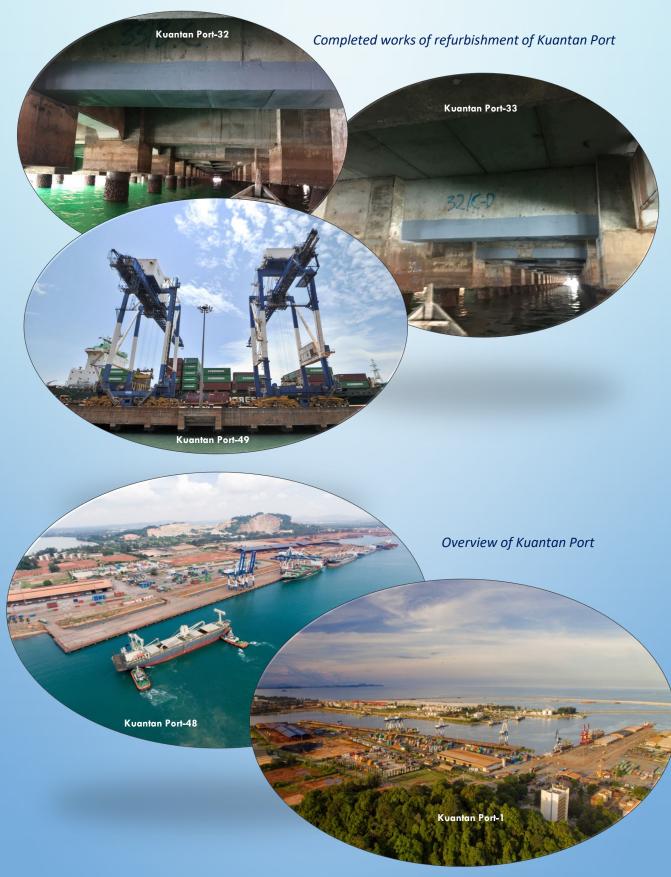
Protect the concrete with **Colorite Performance S-MY**, with **Antipluviol S-MY** as the priming coat.

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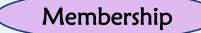
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