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In this issue the topics covered are on health and safety of workers; social and environmental impacts of river basin development; housing and quality of life indicators; innovation and mechatronic engineering education; influence of communication, leadership and empowerment on staff motivation and generic skills among university students. It is hoped that this journal would attract the interest of many parties and consequently contribute to knowledge building, networking and the generation of new ideas for the development, prosperity and wellbeing of mankind.

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