PERMEABILITY OF HIGH VOLUME FLY ASH CONCRETE

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Abstract: (250 to 500 words: for each heading use the bullet points or narrative - the submission including graphics should not exceed one page)

In Taiwan, Taiwan Power Company’s coal-fired power plants produce 2 million tons coal ash every year, the output of fly ash is about 1.6 million tons, and the bottom ash is about 400,000 tons. All of them are good concrete mineral admixtures, and the utilization value is quite high. It is a well-recognized approach to reduce CO₂ emissions by substituting fly ash to cement, especially taking high volume fly ash. Therefore, the study aims to discuss the permeability of high volume fly ash concrete.

Solutions - Methods / Results - Findings
In presence of water, fly ash can react with calcium hydroxide at ordinary temperatures to produce cementitious compounds, improving the pore structure of concrete. Hence, high volume fly ash concrete (HVFAC) should be more durable than the ordinary portland concrete (OPC). The test variables in this study include three compressive strengths of concrete (21MPa, 28MPa and 35MPA), three contents of fly ash (0%, 25% and 60%) and two testing ages (28-day and 56-day). The permeability test used 0.3 MPa of water pressure upon the top surface of saturated surface dried specimens (φ150 × 50 mm) for 3 hours. Test result shows that water permeation of HVFAC is obviously small than that of OPC, especially at the later age (56-day). However, the phenomenon at the age of 28-day is not obvious. It may be the portland reaction not entirely at this age.

Novelty - Value / Relevance to ...
This study obtains a ideal permeability of HVFAC incorporating Taiwan Power Company's fly ash, it shows that HVFAC is more durable than the OPC. HVFAC is a kind of green building materials, it is low cost and friendly to our environment. It aims at providing the engineer and decision-making officers with updated information regarding the waste management, costs, influence on climate change, emissions, global trends, challenges.

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High volume fly ash concrete; compressive strength; durability; permeability

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