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# Efficient Utilization of Energy toward Realization of Smart City

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## Message from the Guest Editor

Recently, global warming has become one of the main issues globally. One of the causes of global warming is the increase of greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, the efficient utilization of energy is necessary for the reduction of emissions, and smart city demonstration (SC) projects have been conducted all over the world in order to reduce the total energy used and the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Using various technologies, including renewable energies such as solar and wind power generation, storage batteries, and recent information technologies, SC can realize sustainable and low carbon emission cities. All countries attending the UN climate change conference 2015 (COP21) proposed the goal to reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2015. The importance of SC is increasing all over the world as a reduction of the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions was again recognized at the COP21.

In order to realize smart cities, research has to be conducted in various sectors, and this will be the focus of this Special Issue. Topics of interest for publication include, but are not limited to: Smart energy management; Energy efficiency in water/automobiles/electric power systems/in whole cities.









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