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## **Preface**

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Solid wastes mainly consist of household waste, construction and demolition debris, sanitation residue, waste from streets, and waste from a variety of factories. They are typically generated from commercial and residential complexes as well as different industries. With the development of industry and progress of civilisation and increase in population, people have generated and will continue to generate more and more solid wastes around the world. For instance, the US generates more than 200 million tons of solid waste each year, more than 4 pounds per person each day. These solid wastes have caused many ecological and environmental problems.

Composting of solid wastes from various sources is an important way in modern management of various solid wastes. The approach has several advantages compared to other solid waste management methods. Environmental research scientists and engineers are increasingly interested in developing new ways for composting more types of solid waste materials. To accelerate their earlier successes in the effort, the special issue of *IJETM* is prepared to report the composting technologies currently developed around the world. We hope that they will benefit from reading the papers in the issue and use them as useful references for catalysing their composting technology developments.