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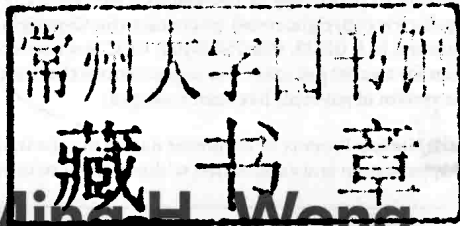


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Preface

The chapters in this book are a collection of the lectures and discussion held during the Croucher Advanced Study Institute (ASI) workshop 2010, entitled *Remediation of Contaminated Land—Bioavailability and Health Risk*, held at the Hong Kong Baptist University, between December 9 and 13, 2010.

Croucher ASI is a new funding initiative of the Croucher Foundation catering to the interests of established scientists, with the main objective of regularly bringing to Hong Kong the leading international experts in specific fields to conduct refresher programs for a limited number of established scientists on highly focused scientific topics. The workshop series also provided an excellent opportunity for young scientists from Hong Kong, mainland China, and South-East Asian countries to learn from the leading scientists from the region and overseas.

As a result, we hope to disseminate to the readers the knowledge exchanged on the latest remediation technologies for pollutant cleanup of contaminated lands, the issues of bioavailability of chemicals, and their associated human risks.

This book covers the timely scientific research of 22 distinguished, leading experts, specializing on different aspects relevant to the topic.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Ji Dong Gu of Hong Kong University for co-organizing this workshop, the authors for their contribution, and the Croucher Foundation for their continued support, and last but not least, to Sue Fung for her expert editorial assistance.

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