

Civil Engineering Creating a Sustainable World

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ASCE Role in the U.S.



- **Environmental solutions**
- **Infrastructure policy**
- **Regulatory, monitoring and financing process**
- **Infrastructure development and environmental management**
- **Academia and private sector partnership**
- **Disaster response**

Asian Region and the U.S. – Opportunities for Cooperation



- **Infrastructure challenges**
- **Sustainability**
- **Global future**

Common National Issues



- **Large, growing populations**
- **Technologically advanced**
- **Global supplier/consumer of goods/services**
- **Sustainability driven**
- **Future-oriented**

Greatest Engineering Achievements of the 20th Century



1. Electrification
2. Automobile
3. Airplane
4. Water Supply and Distribution
5. Electronics
6. Radio and Television
7. Agricultural Mechanization
8. Computers
9. Telephone
10. Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
11. Highways
12. Spacecraft
13. Internet
14. Imaging
15. Household Appliances
16. Health Technologies
17. Petroleum and Petrochemical Technologies
18. Laser and Fiber Optics
19. Nuclear Technologies
20. High-performance Materials

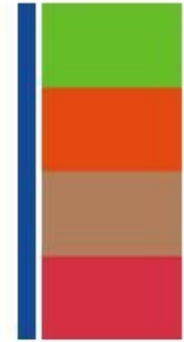
Social Impact

“... The greatest advances in improving human health were the development of clean drinking water and sewage systems. So, we owe our health as much to civil engineering as we do to biology.”

- Lewis Thomas, Former Dean of Yale Medical School
and Director of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center



Social Impact of Engineering Achievement



Wide-spread, functioning infrastructure is the key to our economic well-being and success.

Common Infrastructure Challenges



- **Clean air and water required for health and prosperity**
- **High energy usage**
- **Population widespread**
- **Transportation growth**
- **Infrastructure maintenance**

Lessons Learned



Regulation and enforcement created dramatic results

- **Environmental Protection Agency**
- **Clean Water Act**
- **Clean Air Act**
- **Federal Environmental Pesticide Act**

Lessons Learned

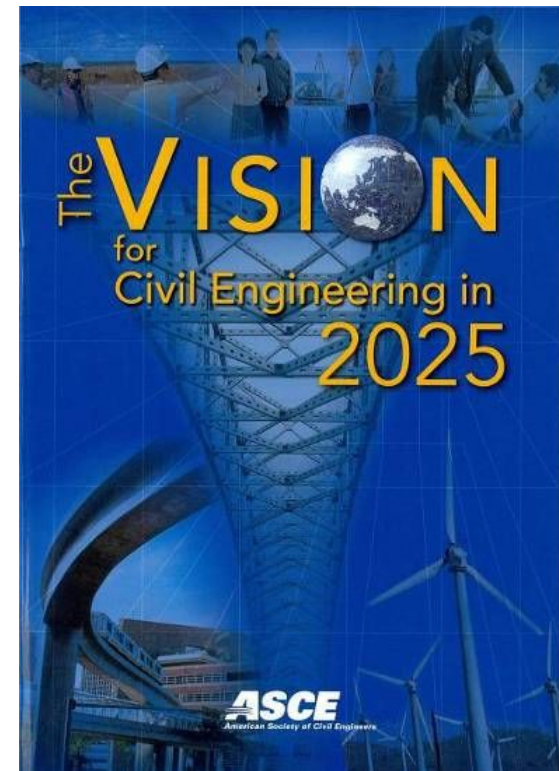
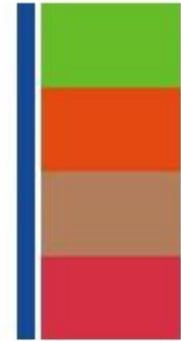


The infrastructure must be sustainable and sensitive to environmental constraints.

The Vision for Civil Engineering in 2025

Sets an inspirational target for a new global state of affairs

Entrusted by society to create a sustainable world and enhance the global quality of life, civil engineers serve competently, collaboratively, and ethically as.....



Master Builders

1. Master planners, designers, constructors, and operators of society's economic and social engine—the built environment



Stewards of the Environment



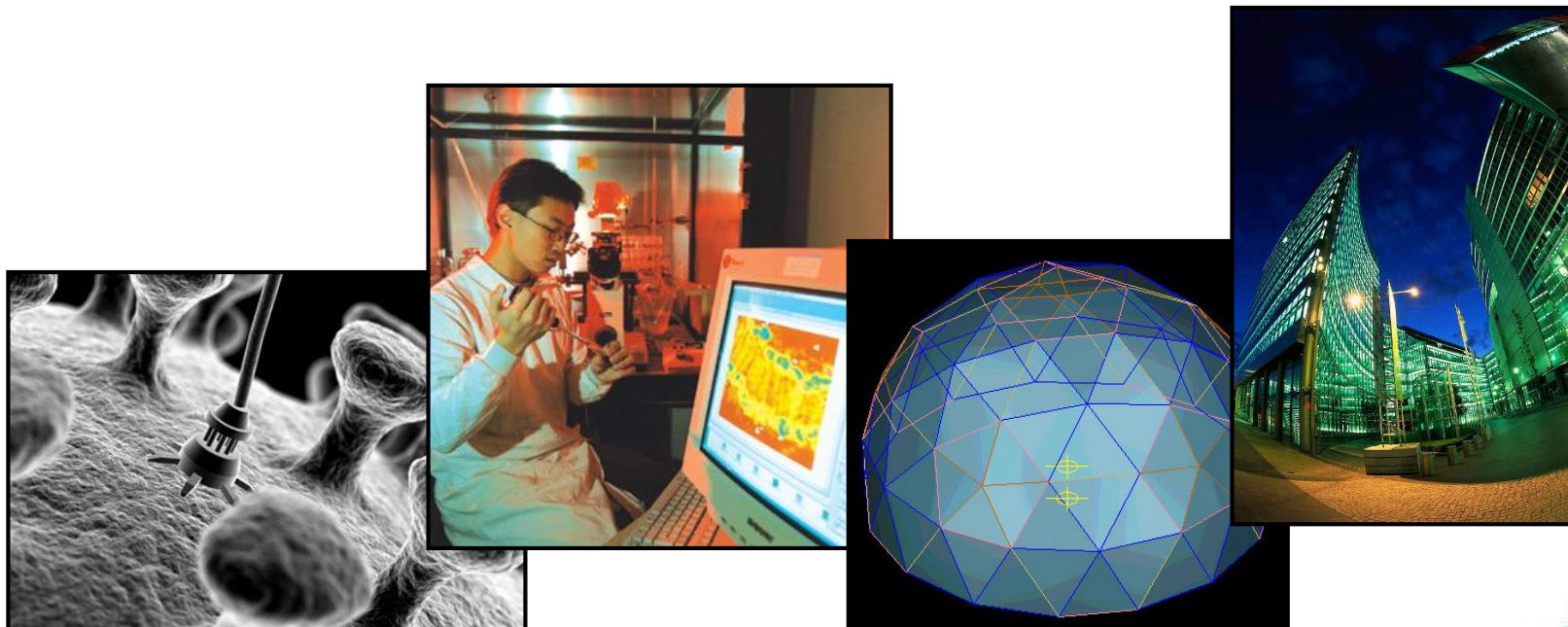
2. Stewards of the natural environment and its resources



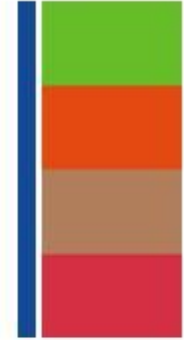
Innovators



3. Innovators and integrators of ideas and technology across the public, private, and academic sectors



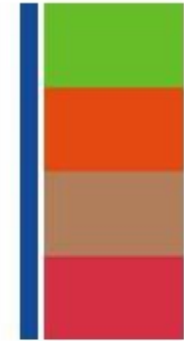
Managers of Risk



4. Managers of risk and uncertainty caused by natural events, accidents, and other threats

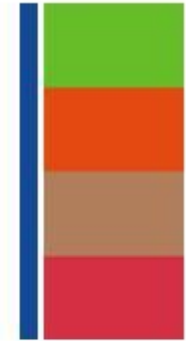


Leaders in Public Policy



5. Leaders in discussions and decisions shaping public environmental and infrastructure policy



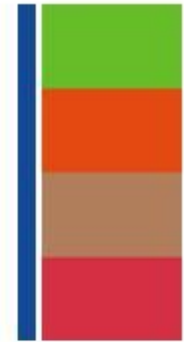


“Leaders . . . around the globe should move the civil engineering community toward the Vision”

–The Vision for Civil Engineering in 2025

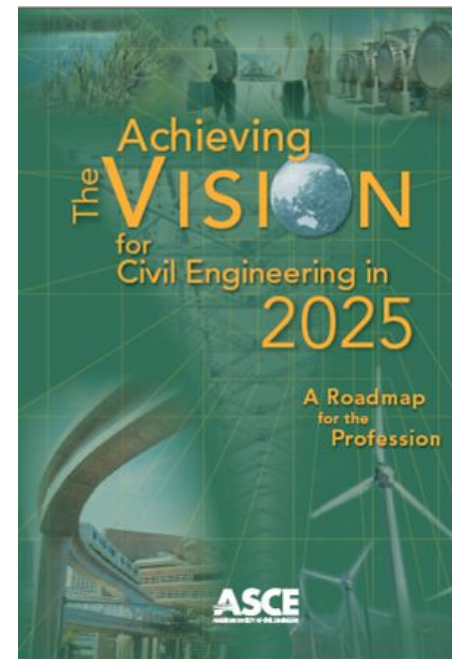
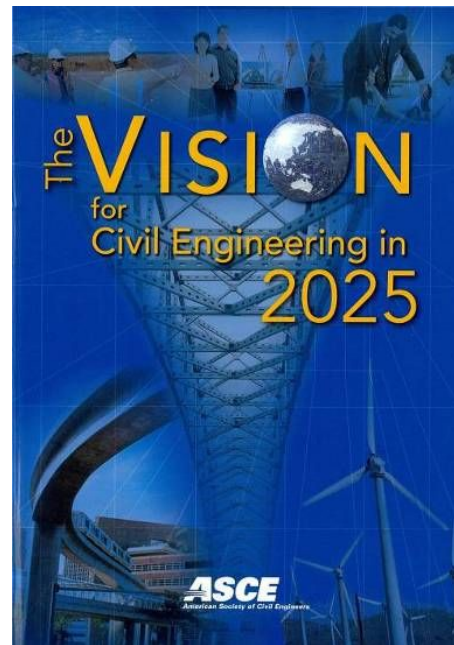
“If you don't know where you are going, every road will get you nowhere.”

- Henry A. Kissinger, former Secretary of State and Nobel Peace Prize winner



The Task Committee to Achieve Vision 2025 was charged to develop a roadmap to bring the Vision to reality.

The Vision and the Roadmap



Vision 2025 and Roadmap Distribution

- Vision 2025 and Vision 2025 Roadmap reports are available at www.asce.org.
- Under the Issues & Advocacy menu



The screenshot shows the ASCE website's navigation menu. The main menu includes: KNOWLEDGE & LEARNING, LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT, ISSUES & ADVOCACY, and MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY. The 'ISSUES & ADVOCACY' sub-menu is expanded, showing links for: Competency - Raise the Bar, Disaster Preparedness & Response, Get Involved, Government Relations, Infrastructure, Public Policies & Priorities, Report Card for America's Infrastructure, Sustainability, and Vision 2025. A red arrow points to the 'ISSUES & ADVOCACY' menu item, and another red arrow points to the 'Vision 2025' link. Below the menu is a banner for the Sutong Bridge, titled 'Sutong Bridge Crowned 2010 OCEA Winner', with a 'Learn more >>' link. At the bottom of the page are sections for 'Headlines', 'Publications', and 'Events'.

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Vision 2025

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Vision 2025 Overview



Outcomes

- Master Builders
- Stewards of the Environment
- Innovators
- Managers of Risk
- Leaders in Public Policy

Themes

- Education
- Leadership
- Collaboration
- Sustainability
- Resilience
- Competence
- Diversity
- Globalization
- Advocacy
- Creativity

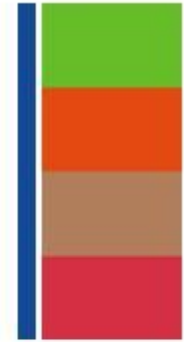
Sustainable CE Infrastructure



In short: Sustainable civil infrastructure provides **environmental, economic and social** (triple bottom line) well-being, now and for the future



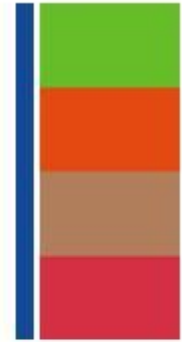
Measuring Sustainability



- **Sustainability Rating Tool**
- **Sustainable Development Course**
- **Professional Certification Program**



Goal for The Future



U.S. – Asian Region collaboration to create a sustainable world and enhance the global quality of life.

Preparing for the Future



U.S. – Asian Region Collaboration: Moving Forward

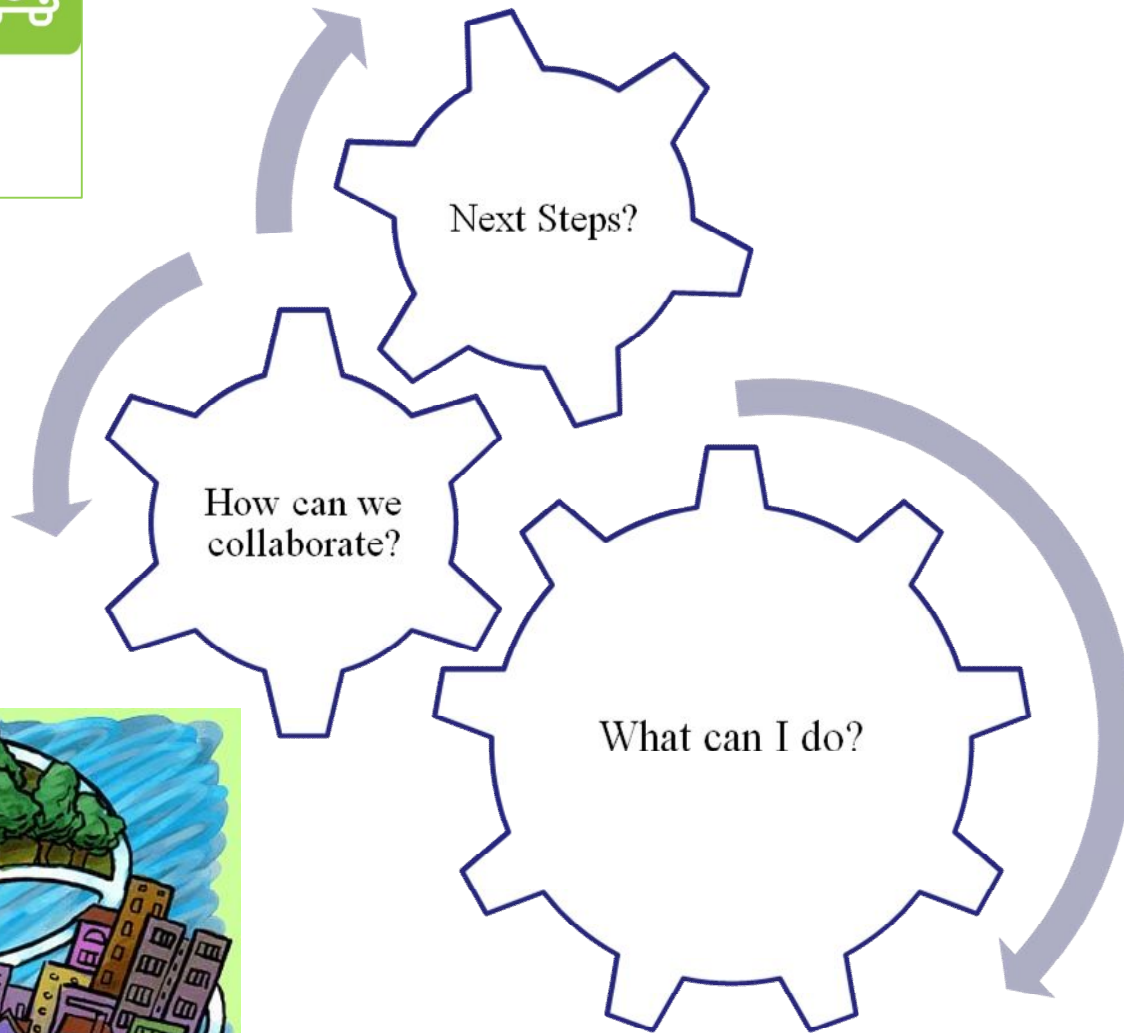


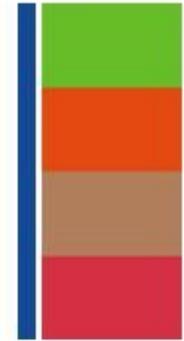
- **workshops, joint studies, publications**
- **study tours, academic activities**
- **partnerships between government and non-government entities**
- **joint commission to analyze common challenges: water, transportation, urban development, disaster response**



Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is
a matter of choice.”

-Statesman William Jennings Bryan





The best way to predict the Future...
...is to create it.”

-Janus Linus-