Recycling in Japan

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History of Pavement Recycling



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Recycling Ratio of Construction By-Products

Recycling Ratio of Asphalt Concrete is Over 98%



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Recycling Method for Pavement



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Plant Recycling

- Recycle pavement by-products at a stationary mixing plant (recycling mixing plant)
- Reuse them as pavement materials



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Plant Recycling

- Most popular in Japan
- Recently, the ratio of recycled asphalt mixture is close to 70%.
- Recycled asphalt mixture has already been promoted to use according to the following law
 - Law Concerning the Promotion of Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities (*Law on Promoting Green Purchasing*), enacted in FY2000



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In-place Base Course Recycling

- Crush existing asphalt mixtures
- Mix the milled asphalt mixture with existing granular base material and stabilizing agents such as cement and/or emulsified asphalt
- Compact this mixture to form a new base course
- Finally, construct new asphalt layers as surface and binder courses





In-place Base Course Recycling

- Limitation on the thickness of existing asphalt layers (to 10cm)
- Rather popular at local roads
- Technology transfer has been tried to Vietnam or other Asian countries



In-place Surface Recycling

- Heat the existing asphalt mixture
- Scarify to loosen the material
- Add new asphalt mixture and/or rejuvenators if necessary
- Spread and compact it to construct a new surface course or binder course.



HeatingCrushingMixingSpreadingCompacting(Road Surface Heater)(Re-mixer)(Compactor)



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In-place Surface Recycling

- Once it was popular in expressways
 - Drainage asphalt pavement (DAP) has become popular
 - □ In-place surface recycling is not adequate for DAP
- There is a environmental problem such as an influence of heated air to plants along the roads



Production of Modified Asphalt Mixture





Improve the ratio of AC waste reclaimed to AC

- □ According to the survey in 2002,
 - Total amount of AC waste in Japan is 30million tons
 - Amount of AC waste recycled to reclaimed AC is 15million tons (=50%)
 - The rest has been reused as recycled base course material
- □ Recycle use of modified AC and Porous AC
 - How will modifier act in the recycled mixture?
 - How about the influence of the difference in gradation between densegraded AC and Porous AC
- Evaluation method for recycled asphalt
 - Present : Penetration of old asphalt
 - □ Revised : Indirect tensile test for reclaimed AC mixture

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Typical wastes from other areas



Attention to use waste from other areas

- Environmental Safety
 - □ No seeping out of any harmful materials such as lead, chrome, etc.
- Durability
 - Equal strength with natural aggregate in hardness, wear-resist, etc.
- Economical
 - Not so expensive rather than natural aggregate
- Stable supply
 - Can be supplied with constant quantity and uniform quality
- Sustainability
 - Can be recycled in several times

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