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TQM, Reengineering, Theory of Constraints, JIT, Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing . . . These are just some of the methods that, over the past five decades, have promised to transform any manufacturing firm into a lean, mean, moneymaking machine. While each incorporates certain fundamental truths, strengths, and benefits, they are not panaceas. Nor do they necessarily provide much-needed insight into the science that underlies factory performance. James Ignizio, Ph.D., an internationally recognized performance optimization expert, believes that only a balanced approach will provide the significant and sustainable improvement required of firms who will survive and prosper in the twenty-first century. In this breakthrough guide, Dr. Ignizio picks up where such concepts as Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing leave off to provide you with a holistic, three-dimensional approach to mastering the art and science of manufacturing. Focusing on the three primary enemies of factory performance—complexity, variability, and lackluster leadership—Optimizing Factory Performance cuts to the heart of the problem of less-than-world-class performance and demonstrates how those enemies manifest themselves in companies across manufacturing sectors. Ignizio also explores the insidious effect company politics and flagging commitment to manufacturing performance have on competitiveness. Emphasizing the all-important, often overlooked third dimension of manufacturing—factory protocols—Ignizio describes the types of strategic and tactical changes to physical plant and operating procedures any company can make to achieve performance improvements. In addition, he arms you with powerful, original metrics for measuring and comparing factory performance, as well as a set of interactive simulation models, available online at www.mhprofessional.com/ignizio. Running throughout the book is an often amusing, always instructive account of the fictional high-tech firm, Muddle, Inc., which helps support the concepts discussed in the real world of manufacturing, while reinforcing key lessons learned. Read *Optimizing Factory Performance* and find out how to transform your organization into the kind of fast, agile manufacturer that delivers the right products to the right customers at the right time—every time.

Safely Design, Test, and Construct Products Made of Natural Fiber Composites Natural fibers and their composites carry distinct advantages over industrial fibers. Some advantages—including renewability and availability of raw materials, and lower energy consumption—could help safeguard environmental resources and eventually replace synthetic composites and conventional materials. *Natural Fiber Composites* explores the growing use of natural fibers in composites and covers material properties, treatment and processing, modeling, applications, design, and other vital information on this subject. *Improve the Strength of Manufactured Composites, and Determine the Best Processing Technique* Incorporating independent pieces written by a team of international contributors, this book enables readers to analyze and design structural components using state-of-the-art information and methods. It provides an overview of natural fiber composites, details the superior specific mechanical properties of these materials, and presents development techniques and design case studies that can improve performance and enhance the process. *Natural Fiber Composites* evaluates the value of natural fibers in composite materials, and offers introductory knowledge on natural fiber composites backed by internationally recognized experts in the field.

From a journalist on the frontlines of the *Students for Fair Admission (SFFA) v. Harvard* case comes a probing examination of affirmative action, the false narrative of American meritocracy, and the attack on Asian American excellence with its far-reaching implications—from seedy test-prep centers to gleaming gifted-and-talented magnet schools, to top colleges and elite business, media, and political positions across America. Even in the midst of a nationwide surge of bias and incidents against them, Asians from coast to coast have quietly assumed mastery of the nation's technical and intellectual machinery and become essential American workers. Yet, they've been forced to do so in the face of policy proposals?written in the name of diversity?excluding them from the upper ranks of the elite. In *An Inconvenient Minority*, journalist Kenny Xu traces elite America's longstanding unease about a minority potentially upending them. Leftist agendas, such as eliminating standardized testing, doling out racial advantages to “preferred” minorities, and lumping Asians into “privileged” categories despite their deprived historical experiences have spurred Asian Americans to act. Going beyond the *Students for Fair Admission (SFFA) v. Harvard* case, Xu unearths the skewed logic rippling countrywide, from Mayor Bill de Blasio's attempted makeover of New York City's Specialized School programs to the battle over “diversity” quotas in Google's and Facebook's progressive epicenters, to the rise of Asian American activism in response to unfair perceptions and admission practices. Asian Americans' time is now, as they increase their direct action and amplify their voices in the face of mounting anti-Asian attacks. *An Inconvenient Minority* chronicles the political and economic repression and renaissance of a long ignored racial identity group?and how they are central to reversing America's cultural decline and preserving the dynamism of the free world.

Biocomposites for High-Performance Applications: Current Barriers and Future Needs Towards Industrial Development focuses on future research directions that will make biocomposites a successful player in the field of high-strength structural applications. With contributions from eminent academic researchers and industrial experts who have first-hand experience on the advantages/disadvantages of biocomposites in their daily lives, the book examines the industrial development of biocomposite products, identifying the current barriers and their future industrial needs. Topics covered include: recent research activities from academia in the biocomposite research field, valuable thoughts and insights from biocomposite manufacturing industries, the strength and weaknesses of biocomposite products, and the practical issues that need to be addressed to reach the next level. Highlights the practical issues involved in biocomposites research. Contains contributions from eminent academic researchers and industrial experts. Discusses recent

research activities from academia in the biocomposite research field, along with valuable thoughts and insights from biocomposite manufacturing industries

Spatial and identity research operates with differentiations and relations. These are particularly useful heuristic tools when examining border regions where social and geopolitical demarcations diverge.

Applying this approach, the authors of this volume investigate spatial and identity constructions in cross-border contexts as they appear in everyday, institutional and media practices. The results are discussed with a keen eye for obliquely aligned spaces and identities and relinked to governmental issues of normalization and subjectivation. The studies base upon empirical surveys conducted in Germany, France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

This book discusses new developments in an up-to-date, coherent and objective set of chapters by eminent researchers in the area of polypropylene-based biocomposites and bionanocomposites. It covers, biomaterials such as cellulose, chitin, starch, soy protein, hemicelluloses, polylactic acid and polyhydroxyalkanoates. Other important topics such as hybrid biocomposites and bionanocomposites of polypropylene, biodegradation study of polypropylene-based biocomposites and bionanocomposites, polypropylene-based bionanocomposites for packaging applications, polypropylene-based carbon nanomaterials reinforced nanocomposites, degradation and flame retardency of polypropylene-based composites and nanocomposites, are covered as well.

The book provides an overview of natural and synthetic fiber reinforced composites, covering their synthesis, properties and applications such as protective gear, electrical insulation, light-weight construction and building materials.

This book discusses the properties of fibres used in manufacturing technical textiles, highlighting the importance of material selection in terms of cost, end-user requirements and properties. It also discusses the classification of technical textiles, and describes the details of each category, such as the properties, applications, advantages and drawbacks. As such, it is a valuable resource for all those interested in advanced textiles.

The book "Recent Developments in Optoelectronic Devices" is about the latest developments in optoelectronics. This book is divided into three categories: light emitting devices, sensors, and light harvesters.

This book also discusses the theoretical aspects of device design for iridium complexes as organic light emitting diodes (OLEDs), strategies for developing novel nanostructured materials, silicon-rich oxide (SRO) electroluminescent devices, and multifunctional optoelectronic devices developed on resistive switching effects. The worldwide participation of authors has contributed to the unifying effect of science.

Furthermore, interested readers will also find information on the screen printed technology using semiconductor devices, nonlinear phenomena in quantum devices, experimental set up of optoelectronics flexible logic gate to realize logic operations, autonomous vehicles, and the latest developments in perovskites as solar cells.

Biocomposite and Synthetic Composites for Automotive Applications provides a detailed review of advanced macro and nanocomposite materials and structures, and discusses their use in the transport industry, specifically for automotive applications. This book covers materials selection, properties and performance, design solutions, and manufacturing techniques. A broad range of different material classes are reviewed with emphasis on advanced materials and new research pathways where composites can be derived from agricultural waste in the future, as well as the development and performance of hybrid composites. The book is an essential reference resource for those researching materials development and industrial design engineers who need a detailed understanding of materials usage in transport structures. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) analysis of composite products in automotive applications is also discussed, and the effect of different fiber orientation on crash performance. Synthetic/natural fiber composites for aircraft engine fire-designated zones are linked to automotive applications. Additional chapters include the application and use of magnesium composites compared to biocomposites in the automotive industry; autonomous inspection and repair of aircraft composite structures via vortex robot technology and its application in automotive applications; composites in a three-wheeler (tuk tuk); and thermal properties of composites in automotive applications. Covers advanced macro and nanocomposites used in automotive structures Emphasizes materials selection, properties and performance, design solutions, and manufacturing techniques Features case studies of successful applications of biocomposites in automotive structures

In a world now forced to address the issues of sustainability, environmental impact, and the widespread pollution of land and oceans with manmade materials, alternative resources must be considered for the future of the planet. A vast array of natural materials is available throughout the world with properties that are often superior to the man-made alternatives. Designing with Natural Materials fills the gap between the current scientific knowledge of the use of natural materials and product design and acts as a bridge between the two disciplines. The book serves as an introduction to natural materials within the context of design. The chapters include case studies, research, and a historical perspective. It develops ideas of designing with natural materials in specific areas and looks to the future of new biobased materials and how these will influence design. The work offers insight to designers of biobased materials across a range of different design disciplines while also providing insights to scientists on the process of design, production, and the needs of a material beyond those traditionally analyzed in the laboratory. The final chapters touch on the use of bioinspiration and biomimicry in the development and use of biobased materials and how natural design will influence both material design and products in the future. The book will be of interest to engineers, scientific researchers, professional designers, students, those working in industry who are considering using natural materials as an alternative to current unsustainable options, and anyone who has an interest in the subject.

This book covers the elements involved in achieving sustainability in the textiles and clothing sector. The chapters covered in different volumes of this series title aim to cover all the distinctive areas earmarked for achieving sustainable development in the textile and clothing industry. This first volume is dedicated to the initial phases of life cycle, i.e. raw materials and manufacturing phases of textile products. This book aims to cover the sustainable raw materials, technologies and processing methods to achieve sustainable textile products. There are plenty of raw materials available today to cater the needs of sustainable textiles and apparels including organic materials, recycled and biodegradable raw materials for textile applications. Similarly, many innovative methods to process textile materials to achieve sustainability in the supply chain along with various processing technologies to manufacture textile products sustainably. This first volume covers the titles of these areas in a comprehensive way. Concern about global warming has led to renewed interest in the more sustainable use of natural fibres in composite materials. This important book reviews the wealth of recent research into improving the mechanical properties of natural-fibre thermoplastic composites so that they can be more widely used. The first part of the book provides an overview of the main types of natural fibres used in composites, how they are processed and, in particular, the way the fibre-matrix interface can be engineered to improve performance. Part two discusses the increasing use of natural-fibre composites in such areas as automotive and structural engineering, packaging and the energy sector. The final part of the book discusses ways of assessing the mechanical performance of natural-fibre composites. With its distinguished editor and team of contributors, Properties and performance of natural-fibre composites is a valuable reference for all those using these important materials in such areas as automotive and structural engineering. Provides an overview of the types of natural fibres used in composites Discusses fibre-matrix interface and how it can be engineered to improve performance Examines the increasing use of natural-fibre composites in automotive and structural engineering and the packaging and energy sector

Who are Asia's biggest business leaders? What kind of leadership skills and philosophies do they possess that have put them at the forefront of their respective industries? What makes these business leaders, in particular, best-equipped to meet the challenges of a 21st century global economy? In Rediscovering Japanese Business Leadership, we gain insights into the leadership strategies of Japan's

most successful global brands, including Toyota, Canon, and Nintendo. This book will be the first title in a series on Asian business leaders, leading companies and corporate philosophies in the 21st century. The inaugural volume will focus on business leaders and strategies at Japanese companies that are not only driving and reshaping their respective industries in the 21st century, but are demonstrating a knack for consistently meeting the various challenges of today's rapidly changing world.

Meat Quality Analysis: Advanced Evaluation Methods, Techniques, and Technologies takes a modern approach to identify a compositional and nutritional analysis of meat and meat products, post-mortem aging methods, proteome analysis for optimization of the aging process, lipid profiles, including lipid mediated oxidations, meat authentication and traceability, strategies and detection techniques of potential food-borne pathogens, pesticide and drug residues, including antimicrobial growth promoters, food preservatives and additives, and sensory evaluation techniques. This practical reference will be extremely useful to researchers and scientists working in the meat industry, but will also be valuable to students entering fields of meat science, quality and safety. Presents focused detection techniques for reducing or eliminating foodborne pathogens from meat Includes strategies and methods on how to better understand meat authenticity and traceability, including meat speciation Provides tables, figures and illustrations to facilitate a better understanding of techniques and methods

This book was stimulated by the third Cambridge Workshop Series on Universal Access and Assistive Technology held in April 2006; the contributors represent leading researchers in the fields of Inclusive Design, Rehabilitation Robotics, Universal Access and Assistive Technology. Contributions focus on design issues for a more inclusive world; enabling computer access and the development of new technologies; assistive technology and rehabilitation robotics; and understanding users and involving them in design.

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The increasing use of composite materials over conventional materials has been a continual trend for over a decade. While the fundamental understanding of fiber reinforcement has not changed, many new material advancements have occurred, especially in manufacturing methods, and there is an ever-growing number of composite material applications across various industries. **Polymer-Based Composites: Design, Manufacturing, and Applications** presents the concepts and methods involved in the development of various fiber-reinforced composite materials. Features: Offers a comprehensive view of materials, mechanics, processing, design, and applications Bridges the gap between research, manufacturing science, and analysis and design Discusses composite materials composed of continuous synthetic fibers and matrices for use in engineering structures Presents codes and standards related to fiber-reinforced polymer composites Includes case studies and examples based on industrial, automotive, aerospace, and household applications This book is a valuable resource for advanced students, researchers, and industry personnel to understand recent advances in the field and achieve practical results in the development, manufacture, and application of advanced composite materials.

The Kenya Gazette is an official publication of the government of the Republic of Kenya. It contains notices of new legislation, notices required to be published by law or policy as well as other announcements that are published for general public information. It is published every week, usually on Friday, with occasional releases of special or supplementary editions within the week.

Encyclopedia of Renewable and Sustainable Materials provides a comprehensive overview, covering research and development on all aspects of renewable, recyclable and sustainable materials. The use of renewable and sustainable materials in building construction, the automotive sector, energy, textiles and others can create markets for agricultural products and additional revenue streams for farmers, as well as significantly reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, manufacturing energy requirements, manufacturing costs and waste. This book provides researchers, students and professionals in materials science and engineering with tactics and information as they face increasingly complex challenges around the development, selection and use of construction and manufacturing materials. Covers a broad range of topics not available elsewhere in one resource Arranged thematically for ease of navigation Discusses key features on processing, use, application and the environmental benefits of renewable and sustainable materials Contains a special focus on sustainability that will lead to the reduction of carbon emissions and enhance protection of the natural environment with regard to sustainable materials

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