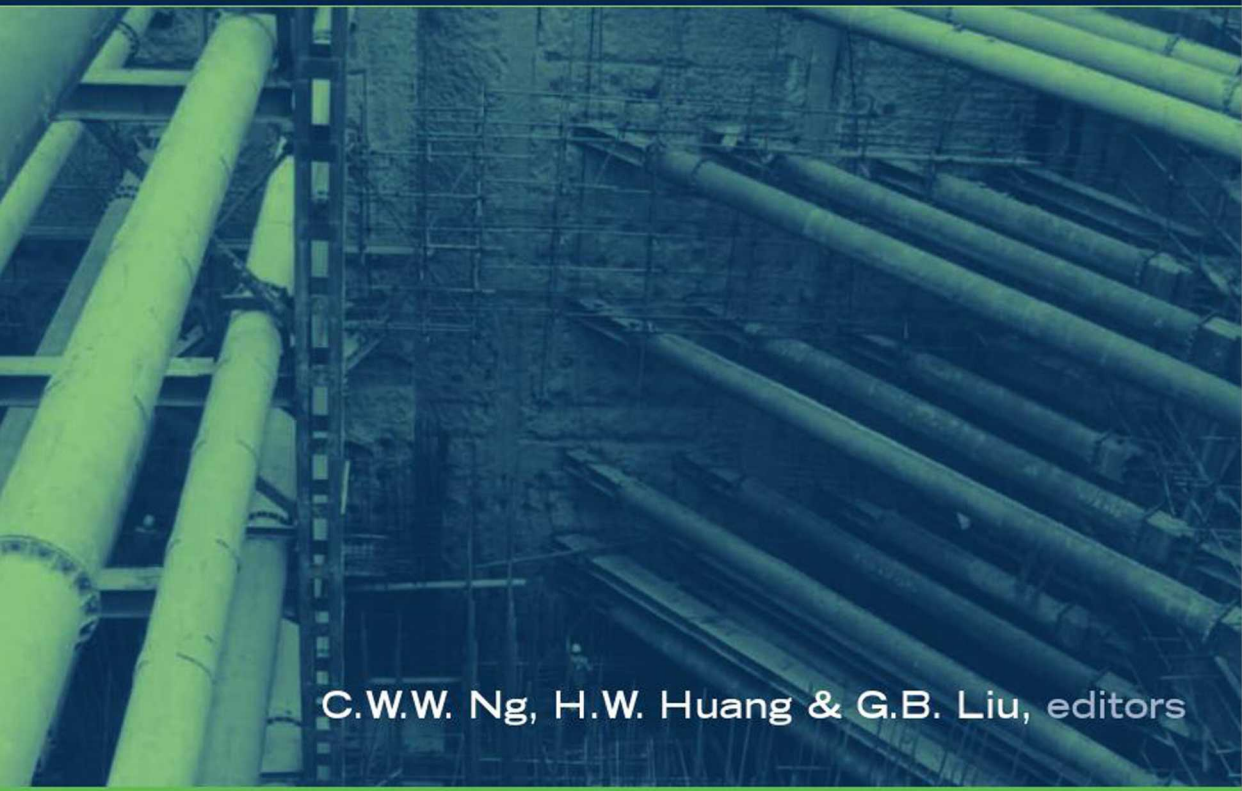

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Preface

Under the Chairmanship of Professor K. Fujita, the first symposium purposely addressing geotechnical issues related to underground construction in soft ground was held in 1994, prior to the 13th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering held in New Delhi. Following the success of the first symposium, Professor R. Mair succeeded the Chairmanship of TC28 and he initiated a series of three-day International Symposia on Geotechnical Aspects of Underground Construction in Soft Ground including technical site visits to underground construction projects. In total, four three-day International Symposia have been held very three years since 1996. These include the ones held in London, UK (1996), in Tokyo, Japan (1999), in Toulouse, France (2002) and in Amsterdam, the Netherlands (2005).

This volume includes a collection of four invited special lectures delivered by Dr A. Bezuijen (The Netherlands), Mr Huang Rong (China), Professor M.D. Bolton (UK) and Professor I.M. Lee (Korea). The titles of their lectures are "Processes around a TBM", "Overview of Shanghai Yangtze river tunnel project", "Supporting excavations in clay – from analysis to decision-making" and "Underground construction in decomposed residual soils", respectively.

In addition, this volume contains 112 papers grouped under six themes including (i) Analysis and numerical modelling of deep excavations; (ii) Construction method, ground treatment, and conditioning for tunnelling; (iii) Case histories; (iv) Safety issues, risk analysis, hazard management and control; (v) Physical and numerical modelling and (vi) Calculation and design methods, and predictive tools. Six general reports discussing and commenting papers grouped under the six themes were contributed orally during the Symposium by Professor Richard Finno, Professor Tadashi Hashimoto, Mr Alejo Sfriso, Dr C.T. Chin, Dr Richard Pang and Professor Richard Kastner, respectively. The written versions of their six general reports are also included in this volume.

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