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## PREFACE

SEATUC (South East Asian Technical University Consortium) was founded in 2006 with the aims of creating opportunities to exchange collaboration in educational and research activities among its member universities; fostering the exchange of scientific and engineering activities by the member universities through symposia, publications, promotion of research and personnel exchange for the benefit of people in South East Asian countries. This year, the Consortium will organize its 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium on 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST), Vietnam.

The Symposium this year has broadened from 6 to 14 engineering fields with the total papers of 148. This record number shows the popularity of the Symposium among researchers and students of member institutions and the continuous success of the Consortium.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to express my appreciation to Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST) for their great effort in hosting the event, and Shibaura Institution of Technology (SIT) for their co-organization in holding the Symposium. My appreciations are also to scientists, researchers and students who have submitted papers and actively participated in the Symposium.



**Prof. Dr. Ha Duyen Tu**  
Vice-President of Hanoi  
University of Science and  
Technology  
President of SEATUC

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**DAY 1: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (Thursday)**

TIME	VENUE and EVENT									
09:45	Venue: SEMINAR ROOM at the 10th Floor, Ta Quang Buu Library, HUST, Hanoi									
12:00	Event: Opening Ceremony of 5th SEATUC Symposium									
12:00	<i>Lunch Break at the 10 Floor, Ta Quang Buu Library, HUST</i>									
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	SIT	Satoshi Matsumoto	SIT	Yoshihiko Ito	SIT	Kanlaya Rattanyu	UTM	Ismail Bin Said	UTM	Bagoes W.
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15:20	SIT	Arwindra R.	SIT	Pichitra Uangpairoj	SIT	Makoto Mizukawa	UTM	Yendo Afgani (2)	UTM	Lai, L.Y
	SIT	Tatsuhiko Mineo	SIT	Takayuki Arimatsu	SIT	M.Azizi A. Rahman	UTM	Alireza Daneshpour	UTM	Hafizul Ridzwan Yahya
	SIT	Nguyen Duc Tuyen	SIT	Masayuki Kobayashi	SIT	Pham Ngoc Hieu	SIT	Hoko Miwa (1)	UTM	Aliyu Salisu Barau
	HCMUT	Nguyen P. Khai	SIT	Hiroki Obata	SIT	Phi Nguyen Truong	SIT	Hoko Miwa (2)	UTM	Ho Chin Siong
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	HUST	Binh Minh Nguyen	SIT	Nobutaka Maezaki	SIT	Tadahiro Hasegawa	<b>OS 06</b>		UTM	Farhana Abdullah
	HUST	Le Minh Thuy	SIT	Kenichi Iwata	SIT	Skulkittiyut Weerachai	SIT	Tatsuhiko Aizawa (1)	UTM	Abdullah Sani A
	HUST	Luu Hong Viet	SIT	Masahiro Shibata	SIT	Youichi Hanakura	SIT	Tatsuhiko Aizawa (2)	UTM	Abdullah Sani Hj Ahmad
15:40	<b>OS 14</b>		KMUTT	Dau Hung Anh	SUT	Chaiyapak S.	SIT	Foo Jin Hoe	UTM	Ismail Said
18:00	HUST	Hoang Thi Linh	KMUTT	K. Saengchan	SUT	Chompunuch Lapo	SIT	Muhammad Zaimi	UTM	Juliana Johari
	HUST	Pham Duc Duong	HUST	Truong Q. Phong	SUT	Jittima Varagul	SIT	Yuki Kagawa	UTM	Kei Saito
	HUST	Nhu Phuong Mai	HUST	Nguyen T.X. Sam	HUST	Hoang Vinh Sinh	SIT	Yohei Hirohata	UTM	Ludin, A.N.M
			HUST	Vu Thi Minh Hang	TNUT	Nguyen T Q Dung	SIT	Nor Akmal Fadir		
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	SIT	Hiroshi Morita	SIT	Hirotsugu Ishida	HUST	Khong Vu Quang	SIT	Kazuo Inoue	UTM	Mohamed A. Said
	UTM	Amer Nordin Darus	SIT	Itaru Sekita	HUST	Le Minh Thuy	SIT	Keiichi Hagiwara	UTM	Mohammad Ghomeshi
10:20 10:40	UTM	Zanariah Jasmani	SIT	Masacmi Kimura	HUST	Ngo Van Hien (1)	KMUTT	Piyapong A.	UTM	Mahmud B.M J.
10:40 12:00	Coffee Break									
12:00 13:00	UTM	Farid Nasir Ani	SIT	Michiko Ohkura	HUST	Ngo Van Hien (2)	HUST	Le Tuan	UTM	Zinas zachariah Bako
	UTM	Mohd. Hamdan Bin Hj. Ahmad	SIT	Noboru Horita	HUST	Phu Khanh Nguyen	HUST	D.T.H. Hue	UTM	Sayyed Javad Asad Poor Zavei
	KMUTT	Eknarin A.	SIT	Nurzal E.B. Ghazali	HUST	Pham Huu Tuyen	HUST	Nguyen D. Nam	UTM	Mahdi Torabi
	KMUTT	Suchada C.	SIT	Shuto Murai	HUST	Minh Ngoc Tran	HUST	Le Thi Chieu	UTM	Mohd H. Rasidi
13:00 15:20	Luch Break at the 10 Floor, Ta Quang Buu Library, HUST									
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	ITB	Edwan Kardenia	SIT	Yota Kogure	HUST	Quoc Huy Vu	HUST	Nguyen Van Luong	UTM	Nor Fadzila Aziz
	OS 08		HUST	Nguyen Tien Thanh	HUST	Le Thi Thai	HUST	Thai T.T	UTM	Nursuriani Shaffee
	SIT	Benjaporn T.	HUST	Phong H.Pham	HUST	Pham T T Huong			UTM	Nurzuliza Jamirsah
	UTM	Ida I. Muhamad	HUST	Dang Khoa Nguyen	HCMUT	Nguyen T.P. Linh			UTM	Rusli, N.
	UTM	Eraricar Salleh	HUST	Ha Quoc Trung	HCMUT	Nguyen Phi Son			UTM	Sara Izrar Binti Aziz
			KMUTT	Pakorn K.	HCMUT	Tran Van Mien			UTM	Sumaiyah B.O.
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16:45			UTM	Ahmed H. Osman	UETI	Pham H.D. Duc			KMUTT	Chamnarn Tirapas .
			UTM	Mohd. Hamdan Bin Hj. Ahmad) (1)	IHR	Dinh Minh Hai			KMUTT	Nigel Poweri
			UTM	Mohd. Hamdan Bin Hj. Ahmad) (2)					SIT	Junko Tamura
Symposium Closing										

## **Time Table of Intensive Workshop, HUST (Vietnam) Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Date:** Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Venue:** Room 702, Ta Quang Buu Library, Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST), Hanoi, Vietnam

<b>Time</b>	<b>Events</b>
14:00	Presentations for 9 person
17:00	The talk is 20 minutes for the presentation

## Time Table of Intensive Workshop

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- 14:00-14:20 **“Hypophosphite Bath Base Electroless Nickel Ternary and Quaternary Alloy Deposition”**  
Muhammad Zaimi, and Kazuhiko Noda, Shibaura Institute of Technology
- 14:20-14:40 **“A Web-based 3D Visualization to Promote Distance Learning”**  
Sittapong Settapat<sup>1</sup>, Virasin Archirapatkave<sup>2</sup>, Tiranee Achalakul<sup>2</sup>, and Michiko Ohkura<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Shibaura Institute of Technology, <sup>2</sup>King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi Thailand
- 14:40-15:00 **“The Similarity Index of Medicine Names Based on Character Shape Similarity”**  
Keita Nabeta<sup>1</sup>, Takahiro Imai<sup>1</sup>, Masaomi Kimura<sup>1</sup>, Michiko Ohkura<sup>1</sup>, and Fumito Tsuchiya<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Shibaura Institute of Technology, <sup>2</sup>International University of Health and Welfare
- 15:00-15:20 **“A Study on Magnesium Recycling”**  
Yohei Chigira, and Seiichi Yoshikubo, Shibaura Institute of Technology
- 15:20-15:40 **“Technological Trends of Digital Audio Players and Business Model for Future”**  
Jyunki Morimoto, Shibaura Institute of Technology
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- 16:00-16:20 **“New Carbon Material for Higher Rating of Electric Double Layer Capacitor”**  
Zulkarnain Bin Ahmad Noorden, Shibaura Institute of Technology.
- 16:20-16:40 **“Model-Based Design for Service Robot System Development: A Contribution to Society”**  
Mohd. Azizi Abdul Rahman, Akira Yasuda, and Makoto Mizukawa, Shibaura Institute of Technology
- 16:40-17:00 **“Studies on the Age Determination of Architectural Remains”**  
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# PRELIMINARY CHARACTERIZATION OF SORPTIVE PROPERTIES OF PHYTOPLANKTONIC CONSORTIUM IN TROPICAL ENVIRONMENT

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## ABSTRACT

Characterization of sorptive properties of phytoplanktonic consortium in tropical environment has been carried out by using phytoplankton consortium collected locally from a stabilization pond of wastewater treatment plant. The sorption parameters including iodine number, methylene blue number, functional groups of raw material of biosorbent, and morphological characteristic of cells surface were investigated. Biosorbent was prepared by oven drying and grinding, resulting powdered biosorbent of 50-mesh (0,300 mm). The iodine number of biosorbent determined by using AWWA 1974-method is 433. Fourier Infra Red Transform (FTIR) study of biosorbent indicated the presence of functional groups of amine, carboxyl, phosphate, and hydroxyl. Those functional groups are known for their role in binding metal ions. The micrographs of scanning electron microscopy revealed that the biosorbent has porous structure indicating its sorption capability. The methylene blue value could not be determined by using conventional method. The sorptive characteristics of phytoplanktonic consortium as shown from the results indicating its potential to be used for the development of a novel, cheap, competitive, and environmental friendly biosorbent for treatment of heavy metal-bearing wastewater.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Heavy metals pollutant pose a great threat to the environment and human health because of their nonbiodegradable characteristics, toxicity, and biomagnification in the foodchain [1, 3]. Chronic exposure to heavy metal ions is known to cause serious health problems such as renal dysfunction, liver damage, and some of metal ions are carcinogens and mutagens as well [1, 3]. Therefore, the removal of heavy metal ions from the environment is enormously important [4].

Chemical precipitation, ion exchange, and membrane filtration are some of the conventional methods widely applied for heavy metal removal from water or wastewater [5]. These methods are effective for removal of high concentrations of heavy metal ions, but they are not cost-effective for removing low concentrations ( $1-100 \text{ mg l}^{-1}$ ) of the pollutants [6,7,8]. Furthermore, most of these

techniques generating yet another problem in the form of toxic sludge [7]. Therefore, there is today a necessary to meet the environmental standards at affordable cost. Biosorption is an emerging technology that can be easily adopted in low cost to remove heavy metals from dilute and large amount of industrial wastewaters [7,9,10].

Phytoplankton biomass demonstrates different affinities and adsorption capacities toward different metals and therefore are strong candidates to be employed as biosorbent materials [11]. To the best of our knowledge, the biosorptive characteristics of phytoplanktonic consortium naturally abundant in nature, particularly in tropical environment, have not been reported. This work investigated some sorptive parameters of biosorbent, including iodine number, methylene blue adsorption, micrographs of scanning electron microscopy

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(SEM), and FTIR spectrum of the phytoplanktonic consortium biosorbent.

## 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

### 2.1 Collection of phytoplanktonic biomass

The biomass of phytoplanktonic consortium used in this study was collected from a stabilization pond located at Bandung, Indonesia, by using gradual filtration techniques.

### 2.2 Preparation of biosorbent

The biomass collected from the pond was washed three times with deionised distilled water in order to remove any residual solution, dried in an oven for 20 h at 60°C, and ground into powder. The powder was sieved by using a 50-mesh sieve (0,300 mm). The sieved powder finer than 0,300 mm was then examined its biosorptive characteristics and compared to those of powdered activated carbon (PAC).

### 2.3 Determination of iodine number and methylene blue adsorption

The iodine number of the biosorbent was determined by using the method of the American Water Works Association (AWWA B604-74) [12]. The methylene blue adsorption test is carried out by using spectrophotometry method. It is a quick test for substances prepared to adsorb large molecules [13].

### 2.4 SEM and FTIR Studies

The SEM micrographs of the biosorbent (taken on a model JEOL, JSM 6360 LA) are shown in Fig.1. The FTIR spectrum of the biosorbent was obtained on a Perkin Elmer FTIR (Spectrum GX). The IR spectrum is shown in Fig.2.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1 Iodine number and methylene blue adsorption

The iodine number is defined as the milligram of iodine molecule that can be adsorbed by 1 gram of carbon when the iodine concentration of the

residual filtrate is 0.02 N [12]. It is a measure of the volume present in pores from 10 to 28 Angstrom in diameter [13]. It gives an indication of the internal surface area of the carbon; generally in many adsorbents the iodine number is close to the Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) surface area [14].

The iodine number of phytoplankton consortium biosorbent resulted in this study is 433 mg g<sup>-1</sup>, lower than that of powdered activated carbon (800-1300 mg g<sup>-1</sup>) [15]. The low iodine number of the biosorbent might be due to it is a raw material without any activation processed, different from activated carbon. However, the iodine number of the phytoplankton biomass is significantly higher than that of other biomasses, such as powdered dried biomass of *Acacia* leaf (193 mg g<sup>-1</sup>) [unpublished data]. This result indicates that the phytoplankton biomass can be used potentially as metal ions biosorbent.

The methylene blue value is defined as the number of milliliters standard methylene blue solution decolorized by 0.1 g of adsorbent [14]. The methylene blue adsorption test gives an indication of adsorption capacity for large molecules having similar sizes to methylene blue molecule and also generally correlates to surface area of adsorbents. The spectrophotometric method applied in this work could not obtain the number of methylene blue adsorbed by the phytoplanktonic biomass due to the interference of chlorophyll content of powdered biomass. However, the low value of physical adsorption of methylene blue indicating the very low surface area of phytoplanktonic cells (below 1 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>), was observed in an experiment using fresh cells of *Spirulina* sp. The experimental results showed that physical adsorption was not the main mechanism of metal biosorption by using microalgal cells, it was estimated as only 3.7% of overall biosorption capacity [16].

### 3.2 Analysis of SEM micrographs and FTIR spectrum

Despite the fact that the methylene blue value of the biomass could not be examined, the sorption capability of the biomass towards large molecules can be inferred from the presence of macropores (>1,000 nm). The SEM micrographs of the biomass show porous structure of the

phytoplanktonic cells with various pore distribution (Fig. 1).

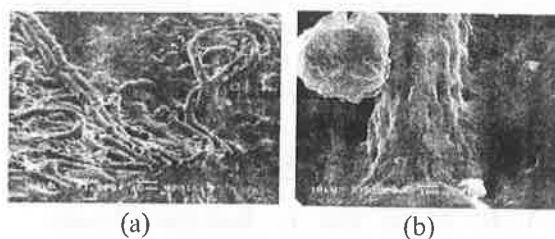
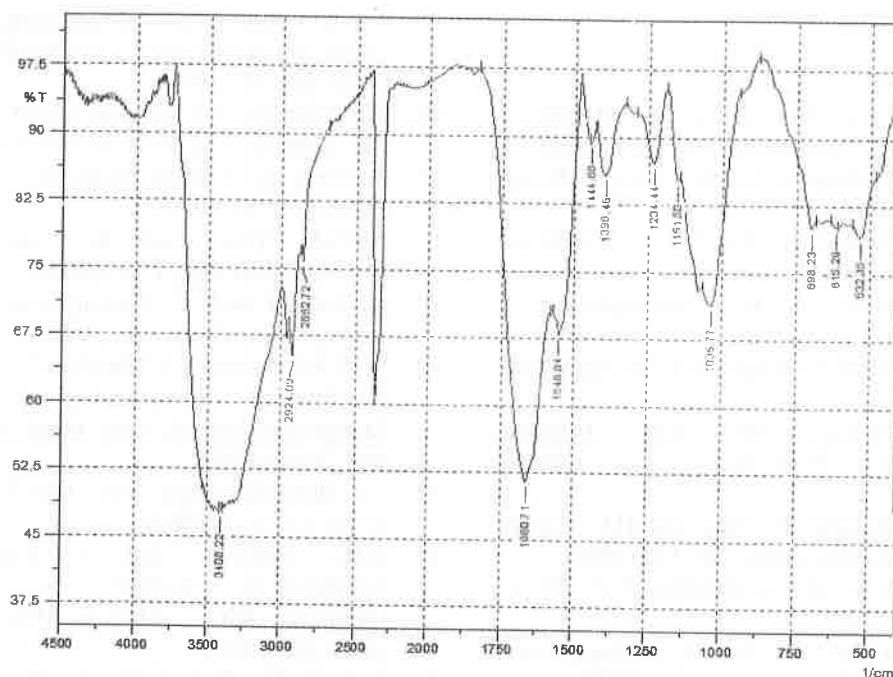


Fig. 1 (a) SEM micrographs of phytoplanktonic

structure of the cells shown at magnification of 10,000 X.

The FTIR spectrum of phytoplanktonic biomass shows that the biomass contains mainly amine, carboxylic, phosphate, and hydroxyl moieties (Fig. 2). Most of biosorption researches reveal that sorption capability of various biosorbent highly dependent on the abundance and availability of those functional groups [16,17,18].



biomass at magnification of 1,000 X; (b) porous

Fig. 2 FTIR spectrum of the phytoplanktonic biomass

The broad band appears at  $3408\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the FTIR spectrum of phytoplanktonic biomass can be assigned to the stretching of  $\text{NH}_2$  group [19,22]. The next bands appear at the region between  $3200$  and  $2400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  were attributed to O-H of carboxylic acid [22]. It is well known that both groups play important role on metal ions biosorption [23].

The peak at approximately  $1660\text{ cm}^{-1}$  was assigned to  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  stretching frequency. Generally, peaks in the range of  $1532$  to  $1560\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1430$  to  $1443\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned, respectively, to asymmetric and symmetric stretching frequencies of carboxylate moiety [19,20]. The role of this functional group to bind metal cations was observed [11,16,21].

The bands appeared near at  $1050\text{--}1030\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in fingerprint region was assigned to P-O-alkyl stretching frequency. Moreover, the bands present at the region of  $1300\text{--}1250\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is attributed to P=O stretching frequency. Therefore, it can be suggested that the phytoplanktonic biomass contains phosphate group. This group is widely recognized for its binding capability towards certain metal ions [11,17]. On the basis of the absorptions intensity, it can be inferred the biomass contains lesser amount of P=O compared with P-O moiety. This is true for IR spectrum of *Chlorella* species as well [11].

#### 4. CONCLUSION



Based on this initial evaluation of biosorptive properties, it can be concluded that the phytoplanktonic consortium biomass in tropical environment has abundance and various functional groups made them well suited for the removal of heavy metal ions in wastewater. Whereas, the low value of iodine number and methylene blue may lead to the conclusion that physical adsorption is not the main biosorption mechanism of the biomass. Certainly there are still many uncertainties and further study is necessary.

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