

### Enhanced catalytic activity of Ni based catalyst promoted alkali metal oxide (MgO, CaO, and La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) for CDR reaction

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A comparative study between Ni–Me–Ce<sub>0.8</sub>Ze<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Me = MgO, CaO, and La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) catalysts has been performed in the carbon dioxide reforming of methane (CDR) reaction using simulated biogas that is composed by CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> as 1:1 ratio. The physicochemical properties of catalysts prepared on laboratory were examined by BET, XRD, H<sub>2</sub>-TPR, and CO<sub>2</sub>-TPD. Experimental results revealed that Ni–MgO–Ce<sub>0.8</sub>Ze<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> exhibited excellent catalytic performance (CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> conversion > 96%) at higher temperature (800 °C, GHSV = 480,000 h<sup>-1</sup>). Furthermore, Ni–MgO–Ce<sub>0.8</sub>Ze<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> catalyst did not deactivated until 40 hours. As a result, Ni–MgO–Ce<sub>0.8</sub>Ze<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> catalyst can be considered as a promising catalyst for CDR reaction of biogas.

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