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CATATAN GEOLOGI

Geological Notes

Coal geology and coal resources of Japan: past and future

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INTRODUCTION

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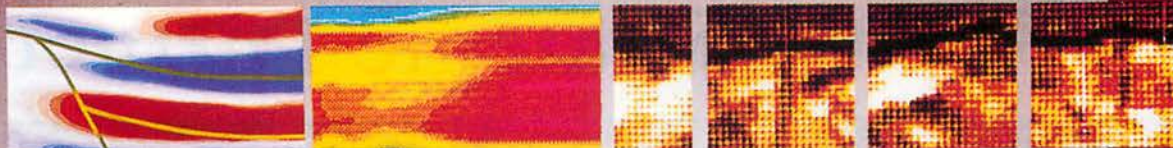
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Japanese coal under wet conditions at a tectonically active continental margin.

During the past two decades, the study of diagenesis of coal and coal-bearing formations (coalification) from the combined viewpoints of sedimentary mineralogy and coal petrology has rapidly developed. This approach has provided new information important to a discussion of the burial history of sediments. The degree of coalification, which is influenced by overburden thickness, igneous intrusions, paleogeothermal gradients, etc., changes from basin to basin, reflecting the high paleogeothermal situation

of the area in the island arc region. This kind of study is expected to see future progress.

UTILIZATION OF COAL AS AN ENERGY SOURCE: PAST AND PRESENT

History suggests that coal was discovered in the 3rd century in Japan, and has been utilized as a fuel resource in some regions of the country since the 15th century. The modern coal mining industry developed in the 19th century, when Japan opened the doors to foreign trade after revoking a national isolation policy. Since then, coal has contributed to the progress

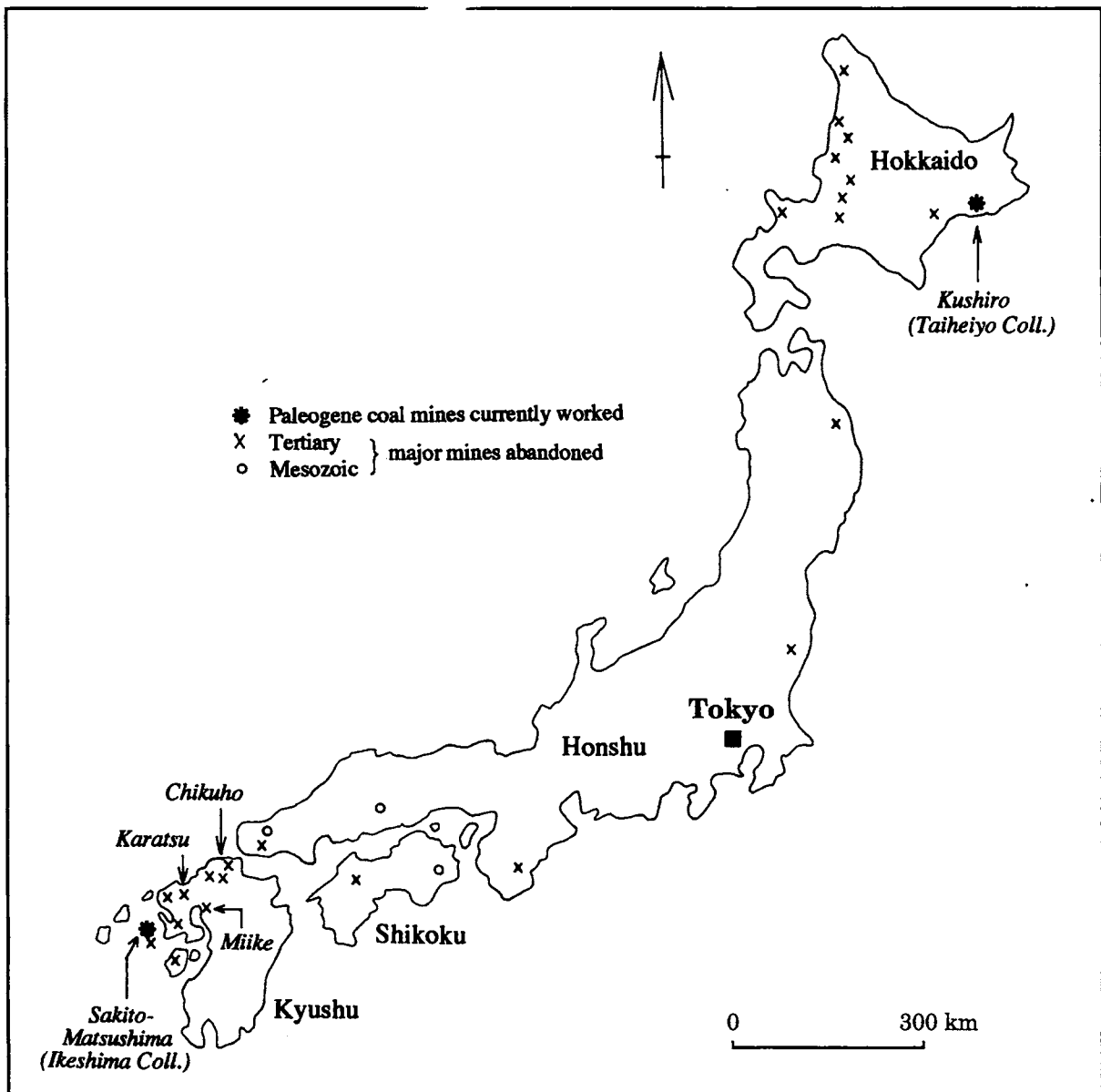


Figure 1. Distribution of major coal fields in Japan.

of modern Japanese industry and economics as a main energy resource. In recent years, however, coal mining activity has declined as the energy supply system dramatically shifted from coal to oil in the 1960's. Coal production of more than 50 million tons from more than 400 coal mines (large-scale underground mines and small-scale open-cut mines) in 1962 (The Fuel Society of Japan, 1963) has decreased to less than 10 million tons from about 10 mines in the past several years (The Japan Institute of Energy, 1993-1998). On March 30, 1997, the Miike coal mine in Kyushu, the largest mine in Japan, abandoned its mining activities, and, at present, large-scale coal mining is only undertaken in two underground mines: one in Kyushu, another in Hokkaido (Fig 1). Mining operations in Japanese coal mines have been abandoned as a result of the great depth of the underground colliery, the disappearance of coal seams over short distances, tectonic disturbances of the seams, and, finally, the higher cost of mining coal compared to that of importing it.

Japan is now one of the largest coal-importing countries in the world. Coal production in Japan reached 6.8 million tons in 1997, although 129 million tons of this were imported (Japan Institute of Energy, 1998) from Australia, Canada, and other Pacific-rim countries. In Japan today, approximately 15% of the nation's energy needs are met by coal, and 95% of this is imported (Japan Institute of Energy, 1998).

FUTURE PROSPECT

Coal exists in a huge amount of reserves and has a geographically wide distribution throughout the world. In light of the forecasted exhaustion of oil and gas reserves in the near future, coal is expected to play an increasing role as an alternative energy source not only in

Japan but globally. From a macrocosmic viewpoint, it seems vital that each country maintain its own coal production. Varying the regions from which coal is imported is also important in order to avoid a tight economical relationship of demand and supply.

In the Pacific-rim countries, coal mining operations have shifted from open-cut mines to underground mines. The Japanese mining technology accumulated thus far can be successfully applied in these foreign mines.

It is vitally important that coal consumption be undertaken in harmony with the environment. From the standpoint of promoting a healthy environment for the earth and the human population, methods of coal purification should be promoted. The development of Japanese technologies to remove pollution resulting from coal combustion will contribute to the prevention and resolution of environmental problems in the world.

CONCLUSIONS

Attention is likely to turn again to coal as a main energy source in the face of depleted oil resources and still developing new energies. International cooperation regarding the exchange of knowledge and technologies on mining and the prevention of pollution will become increasingly important.

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PERTEMUAN PERSATUAN

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Laporan Ringkas

Majlis Ceramah Kerjaya Geosains, Promosi Peraduan Menulis Esei Geosains Peringkat Kebangsaan PGM-DBP Dan Pameran Geosains

Maktab Rendah Sains MARA, Jalan Bukit Larut, Taiping, Perak
8 Julai 2000

1. ACARA-ACARA UTAMA

1.1. Ucapan Alu-aluan

Telah disampaikan oleh Prof. Dr. Hamzah Mohamad bagi pihak PGM dan oleh Pengetua MRSM Taiping En. Shahein Mohamud bagi pihak tuan rumah.

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1.4. Penyampaian Poster dan Borang Penyertaan

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1.5. Pameran Geosains

Pameran ini telah diadakan dari jam 10.30 pagi hingga 1.00 tengahari. Sebanyak 100 eksebit telah dipamerkan, dengan bantuan 10 poster. Pameran yang bertemakan “Peranan Geosains dalam Pembangunan Negara” ini dibahagikan kepada enam komponen, iaitu:

- Geosains? Geologi?
- Kerjaya geosaintis

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 - Bahan bumi sebagai sumber logam/semi logam
 - Bahan bumi sebagai sumber industri
 - Bahan bumi sebagai bahan binaan
 - Bahan bumi sebagai punca tenaga
 - Bahan bumi sebagai sumber keperluan harian
- Unsur estatik dalam geosains
- Geosains dan anda (pameran interaktif dengan pengunjung)
- Jualan cenderamata (Kelab Geologi UKM/PGM)

1.6. Jamuan Ringan

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6. SMK Batu Lapan, Changkat Jering	8
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8. SN Sains Tun Syed S. Shahabuddin, B. Mertajam	10
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1. Secara umumnya, jika dilihat dari segi bilangan tetamu dan pelajar yang hadir serta acara-acara utama yang dapat dijalankan mengikut aturcara yang telah dirancang, bolehlah dikatakan Majlis ini telah berjaya mencapai sebahagian besar daripada matlamatnya.
2. Pameran Geosains mendapat sambutan yang sangat menggalakkan.
3. Daripada pemerhatian sangat jelas bahawa:
 - (a) hampir tiada kesedaran di kalangan pelajar mengenai peranan bidang geologi dan pneran geologis dalam pembangunan negara,
 - (b) tersangan kurang maklumat tentang bidang geologi sebagai satu profesyen.
4. Satu cara melobi supaya geologi dimasukkan ke dalam kurikulum sekolah menengah sebagai mata pelajaran elektif perlu dirancang oleh Persatuan.
5. Kegiatan mempromosikan geosains ke sekolah-sekolah perlu lebih dipergiatkan.

Hamzah Mohamad
18.7.2000

Ceramah Teknik (Technical Talk)

Techniques to optimise history matching

ANDREW CARNEGIE

Laporan (Report)

Dr. Andrew Carnegie, a Reservoir Engineer with Schlumberger, gave the above talk to the Malaysian Chapter of the SPWLA and the Petroleum Group of the Geological Society of Malaysia on Thursday 13th July 2000, at 11.45 am at the 40th Floor Twin Tower 1, Kuala Lumpur City Centre.

Abstrak (Abstract)

The talk will be on a Case Study of a History Match of a complex, heterogeneous carbonate field, located offshore India. The emphasis will be on the strategies and techniques used to optimise the efficiency of this process. These will be discussed under the following sections: (a) the application of analytic engineering techniques, such as material balance and well performance plots, (b) utilisation of advanced simulation technology such as Flux Boundaries, Local Grid Refinements and Parallel Processing, (c) uses of reservoir monitoring data, such as that from through casing nuclear tools and production logging tools.

In many carbonate fields, including the one described in the case study, flow is significantly influenced by high permeability conduits, which usually cannot be located by static reservoir data alone. It will be explained that a simple new method and associated PC software, which integrates both dynamic and static reservoir data, was developed during the history match to efficiently incorporate such conduits into the simulation model. A stochastic distribution scheme for the prediction phase of the study will be suggested, which explores the uncertainty surrounding the high permeability conduits identified during the history match.

Finally, basic guidelines derived from the experiences of this study, will be suggested for optimising the efficiency history matching. The application of geostatistics to history matching will be discussed as part of this.

Guidelines for the requirement of geological (geology, geotechnics and hydrogeology) inputs for the preparation of EIA report

SAIM SURATMAN

Laporan (Report)

Dr. Saim Suratman of the Department of Mineral & Geoscience and currently chairman of the Working Group on Environmental Geology, gave the above talk on Thursday, 3rd August 2000 at the Geology Department, University of Malaya.

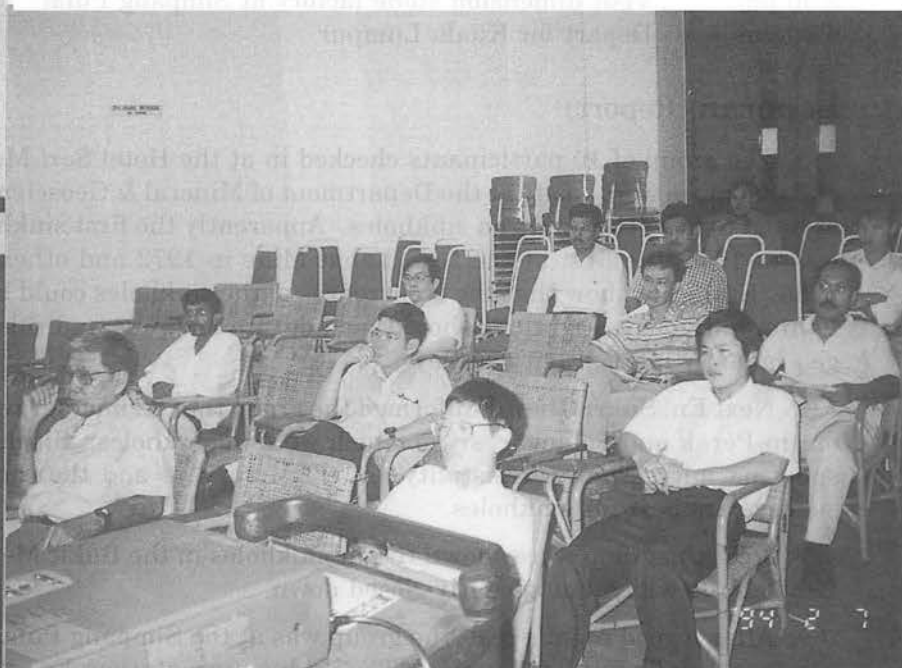
In his talk to an audience of 25, he highlighted the necessary geological input for EIA reports.

Abstrak (Abstract)

The objectives of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) are stated in the Handbook of EIA as follows:

- i. To identify and incorporate into the project plan appropriate abatement and mitigating measures
- ii. To predict significant residual environmental impacts
- iii. To determine the significant residual environmental impacts predicted, and
- iv. To identify the environmental costs and benefits of the project to the community.

Currently the geological aspects are included as a small part in the existing environment. It is often divided into two categories of (i) geology, and (ii) soil. Topography is also included, as one of the aspects needed to be considered, normally as part of the geology in the EIA's. However, geological inputs in a number of EIA's are often inadequate to give appraisal on the environmental impacts of the proposed project. In order to address the aspects of geology and mitigate the predicted impacts in the EIA's adequately, this review provides guidelines for preparing geological inputs in EIA reports.



SITE VISITS

11 & 12 August 2000

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1. Sinkholes at Bukit Merah
2. Simpang Pulai-Pos Slim-Kg. Raja Highway
3. Marble Dimension Stone Industry

Itinerary

Friday, 11 August 2000

- 9.00 am Depart from Geology Department, University of Malaya (two 4WDs)
- 11.30 am Check in at Hotel Seri Malaysia, Ipoh
- 3.00 pm Briefing on *sinkholes* by Dr. Chow Weng Sum
(Mineral & Geoscience Labs., Ipoh)
- 4.00 pm Visit to sinkhole sites

Saturday, 12 August 2000

- 8.00 am Depart from Hotel Seri Malaysia
- 9.00 am Arrival at Simpang Pulai-Pos Slim-Kg. Raja Highway site
Briefing & Visit conducted by MTD
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.30 pm Visit Marble Quarry at G. Terundum (diamond-wire cutting operation)
- 3.30 pm Visit dimension stone factory at Simpang Pulai
- 4.30 pm Depart for Kuala Lumpur

Laporan (Report)

The group of 10 participants checked in at the Hotel Seri Malaysia, Ipoh by 2.30 pm and at 3.00 pm we were ready at the Department of Mineral & Geoscience. Dr. Chow Weng Sum was at hand to brief the group on sinkholes. Apparently the first sinkhole recorded in the Ipoh area was in 1955, the first at the New Lahat Mine in 1972 and others were recorded in 1982 and 1986. Statistics show that the occurrences of the sinkholes could be fault controlled. According to him initial investigations should include site mapping and this may be followed by drilling, geo-radar or microgravity surveys.

Next En. Sukri Ghazali informed the group that 22 microgravity surveys have been carried out in Perak and Selangor, six of which were in sinkholes. Since 1990, RM190,000 have been spent on microgravity, resistivity and TEM surveys and the conclusion is that microgravity surveys are best for sinkholes.

Next the group were shown recent sinkholes in the Bukit Merah area adjacent to the New Lahat Mine which has recently closed down.

After a good night's rest, the group was at the Simpang Pulai-Pos Slim-Kg. Raja Highway site for a briefing at 9.00 am by MTD. In his presentation, En. Azizi told the group that MTD

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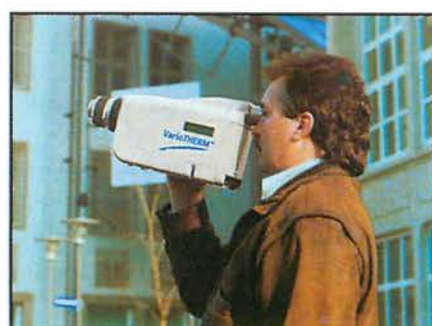
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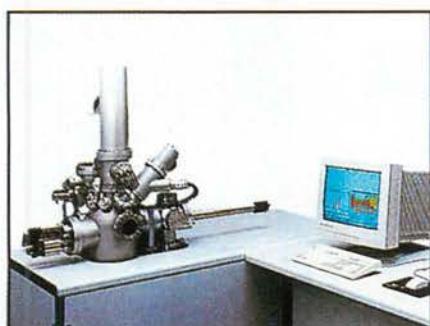
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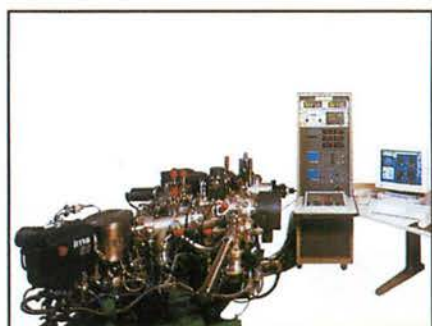
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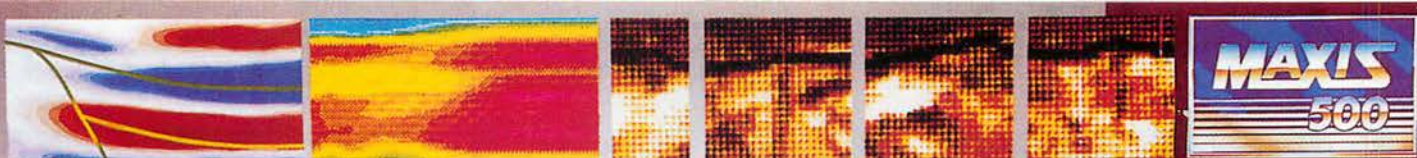
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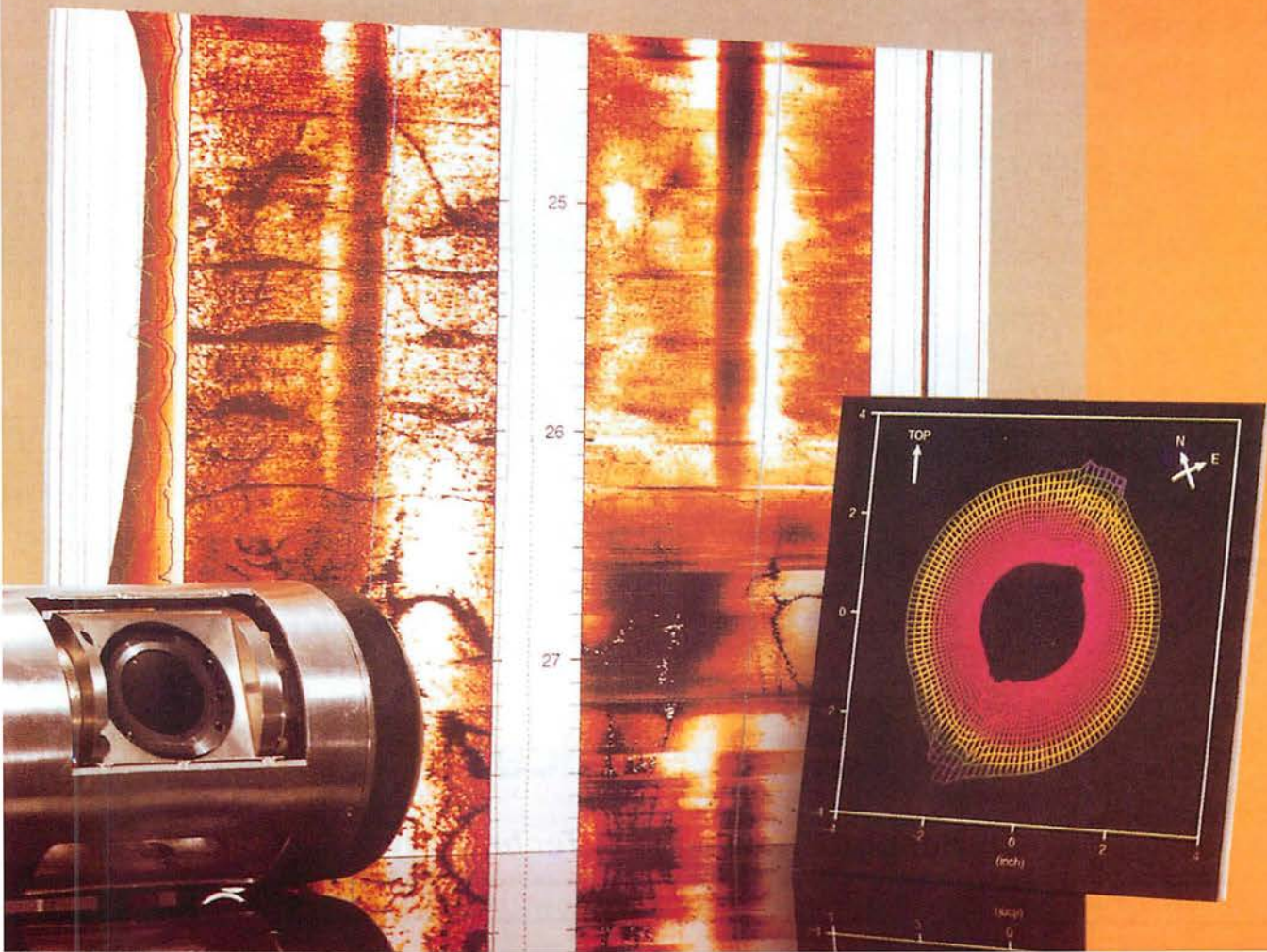
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is involved in the construction of Package 2 of the highway from Pos Slim to Ladang Blue Valley at Cameron Highlands, a distance of 35 km. The main problems in the project are the tough terrain, adverse geological factors and environmental problems as there are 3 water catchment areas involved namely, Sg. Rain, Sg. Kinta and Sg. Terla.

Next En. Khairuddin, the Project Engineer briefed on the EIA studies which were centred on water quality, resettlement and flora and fauna. The alignment of the highway begins at Pos Slim at 496 m elevation and traverses over mountainous terrain for 27 km to an elevation of 1,440 m at the Perak/Pahang border before terminating at Ladang Blue Valley at 1,402 m elevation.

The highway traverses through granitic terrain (63%) and schist areas (37%). The granite is a coarse grain biotite (fine, medium grained and porphyritic varieties were also found). The schist is a quartz-mica-schist. The granite usually weathers to a thicker residual soil compared to schist.

At least 30 slope failures were encountered during construction due mainly to geology, joints, faults on the weathering profile.

After the briefing the group was shown the various localities of the highway under construction, including areas where failure had occurred and remedial work been carried out. Towards the area where the present highway construction was being carried out, the area is really mountainous and the steep slopes are not for one with a weak heart to look down to. Thankfully, there was rain clouds rolling in and we were told to clear out immediately. Lunch was courtesy of MTD.

After lunch and a group photo, we said 'thank you' to the MTD people and headed for the marble quarry site of Rock Chemical Industries to view the methods used to cut and extract the marble. After that the group visited the S.R. Marble Factory to view the cutting and polishing of cut slabs in the dimension stone industry.

At 4.30 pm, everyone suddenly realised that it had been a very eventful day, which they all thoroughly enjoyed and got ready to head back home.



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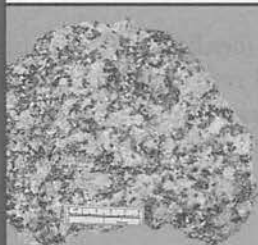
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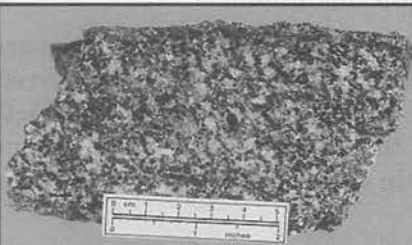
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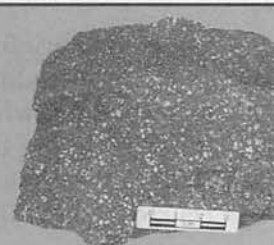
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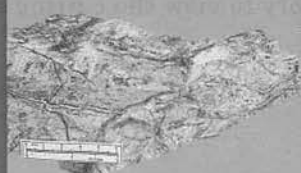
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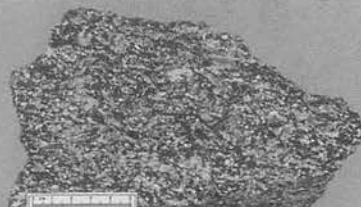
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September 11-15

8TH INTERNATIONAL NANNOPLANKTON ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Bremen, Germany. (Contact: Prof. Helmut Willems, FB-5-Geowissenschaften, Universität Bremen, Postfach 330 440, 28334 Bremen, Germany. Tel: +49 421 21 82 198; Fax: +49 421 21 84 451; E-mail: willems@micropal.uni-bremen.de; Website: <http://uni.bremen.de/~micropal/ina8.html>)

September 17-21

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September 17-26

KARST'2000: 6TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AND FIELD SEMINAR ON PRESENT STATE AND FUTURE TRENDS OF KARST STUDIES, Marmaris, Turkiye. (Contact: Hacettepe University, International Research and Application Centre for Karst Water Resources (UKAM), Beytepe Campus, 06532 Ankara, Turkiye. Fax: 90 312 299 213; E-mail: ukam@naim.jeo.edu.tr)

September 25-29

12TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PLACER AND WEATHERED ROCK DEPOSITS, Moscow, Russia. Pre-congress and post-congress workshops and field excursions. Abstract deadline: May 1, 2000. (Contact: Prof. Patyk-Kara N.G., Secretary General, Igem RAS, 35. Staromonetny Per., 109017 Moscow. Tel: 7 (095) 230-8427; Fax: 7 (095) 230-2179; E-mail: rk2000@igem.ru; Website: <http://www.igem.ru/symp/rkv2000/>)

October

INTERNATIONAL MILLENNIUM CONGRESS ON GEOENGINEERING, Melbourne, Australia. (More information soon)

October 11-13

RISK ANALYSIS 2000, Second International Conference on Computer Simulation in Risk Analysis and Hazard Mitigation, Bologna, Italy. Organised by Wessex Institute of Technology (WIT), Ashurst Lodge, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7AA, UK. (Contact: Karen Savage, RISK 2000/1479. Tel: +44(0)238 029 3223; Fax: +44(0)238 029 2853; E-mail: ksavage@wessex.ac.uk; Website: www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2000)

October 15-18 (Provisional)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS (International Meeting), Bali, Indonesia. (Contact: AAPG Conventions Dept., P.O. Box 979, Tulsa, OK 74101-0979, USA. Tel: 1 918 560 2679; Fax: 1 918 560 2684)

October 23-27

9TH INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF SYMPOSIUM, Bali, Indonesia. (Contact: Secretariat of the International Coral Reef Symposium, c/o COREMAP, Jl. Raden Saleh 43, Jakarta 10330, Indonesia. Tel: +62 21 314 30 80; Fax: +62 21 327 958; E-mail: coremap@indosat.net.id; Website: <http://www.coremap.or.id>)

October 23-27

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HYDROGEOLOGISTS (30th Annual Meeting), Cape Town, South Africa.

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GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA (Annual Meeting), Reno, Nevada, USA. (Contact: GSA Meetings Dept., P.O. Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301-9140, USA. Tel: +1 303 447 2020; Fax: +1 303 447 1133; E-mail: meetings@geosociety.org; WWW: <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm>)

November 19-24

GEOTECHNICAL AND GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING — GEOENG 2000 (International Conference), Melbourne, Australia. (Contact: GeoEng2000, ICMS Pty. Ltd., 84 Queensbridge Street, Southbank, Vic 3006, Australia. Tel: +61 3 9682 0244; Fax: +61 3 9682 0288; E-mail: geoeng2000@icms.com.au; Website: <http://civil-www.eng.monash.edu.au/discipl/mgg/geo2000.htm>)

December 3-6

DEEP WATER RESERVOIRS OF THE WORLD (Gulf Coast Section of Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists Foundation Research Conference), Houston, Texas. (Contact: GCSSEPM Foundation, 165 Pineburst Rd., West Hartland, Conn. 06091-0065. Tel: 800/436-1424; Fax: 860/738-3542; E-mail: gcssepm@mail.snet.net; Website: <http://www.gcssepm.org>)

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AND FIELD WORKSHOP ON GEODYNAMIC EVOLUTION OF HIMALAYA-KARAKORAM-EASTERN SYNTAXIS (INDO-BURMA RANGE)-ANDAMANNICOBAR ISLAND ARC AND ADJOINING REGION, Lucknow, India. (Contact: Prof. A.K. Sinha, Director/Dr. Anil Chandra, Organizing Secretary, Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, 53 University Road, Lucknow 226 001, India. Tel: 0091-0522-333620/32491/323206/325822/325945; Fax: 0091-0522-381948/374528; E-mail: bsip@bsip.sirneta.ernet.in)

December 15-19

AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION (FALL MEETING), San Francisco, California, USA.

(Contact: AGU Meetings Department, 2000 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009 USA. Tel: +1 202 462 6990; Fax: +1 202 328 0566; E-mail: meetinginfo@kosmos.agu.org; Website: <http://www.agu.org>)

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MID-PALAEOZOIC BIO- AND GEODYNAMICS: THE NORTH GONDWANA-LAURUSSIA INTERACTION, Joint meeting of the 'International Geological Correlation Program (IGCP) 421' and the 'Subcommission on Devonian Stratigraphy (SDS)' hosted by the 'Senckenbergische Naturforschende Gesellschaft', Frankfurt am Main at the 'Forschungsinstitut und Naturmuseum Senckenberg' Frankfurt am Main, Germany. (Contact: G. Plodowski, Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Senckenberganlage 25. D-60325 Frankfurt am Main. Tel: ++49-69-97075127; Fax: ++49-69-97075137; E-mail: gplodows@sngkw.uni-frankfurt.de)

June 3-6

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS (Annual Meeting), Denver, Colorado, USA. (Contact: AAPG Conventions Department, P.O. Box 979, 1444 S. Boulder Ave., Tulsa, OK 74101-0979, USA. Tel: +1 918 560 2679; Fax: +1 918 560 2684; E-mail: dkeim@aapg.org)

June 11-16

63RD EAGE CONFERENCE & TECHNICAL EXHIBITION, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. (Contact: EAGE Conference Dept., P.O. Box 59, 3990 DB Houten, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 30 6354055; Fax: +31 30 6343524)

July 30 - August

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (IAEG), "Engineering Geological Problems of Urban Areas" (International Symposium), Ekaterinburg, Russia. (Contact: Secretariat, "EngGeolCity-2001, UralTISIZ 79, Bazhov str., Ekaterinburg, Russia 620075. Tel: +7 3432 559772; Fax: +7 3432 550043; E-mail: UralTIS@etel.ru)

August 23–28

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY (5th), Tokyo, Japan. (Contact: Prof. K. Kashiwaya, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Kanazawa University, Kanazawa, 920-1192 Japan. E-mail: kashi@kenroku.kanazawa-u.ac.jp)

September 6–12

IAMG2001 (THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MATHEMATICAL GEOLOGY), Cancún, Mexico. (Contact: IAMG2001 Conference Secretariat, c/o Jorgina A. Ross, Kansas Geological Survey, 1930 Constant Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66047-3724, USA. Tel: +785-864-3965; Fax: +785-864-5317; E-mail: aspiazu@kgs.ukansedu; Website: <http://www.kgs.ukans.edu/Conferences/IAMG/index.html>)

November 5–8

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA (Annual Meeting), Boston, Massachusetts, USA. (Contact: GSA Meetings Dept., P.O. Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301-9140, USA; Tel: +1 303 447 2020; Fax: +1 303 447 1133; E-mail: meetings@geosociety.org; WWW: <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm>)

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION ON THE GENESIS OF ORE DEPOSITS (11th International Symposium), South Africa. (Contact: Dr. Erik Hammerbeck, Geological Survey, Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs, 280 Pretoria Street, Private Bag X112,

Silverton, Pretoria 0001, South Africa. Tel: +012 841 1130; Fax: +012 841 1203; E-mail: ehammerb@geoscience.org.za)

April 7–10

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July 7–12

16TH INTERNATIONAL SEDIMENTOLOGICAL CONGRESS, Auckland Park, Gauteng, South Africa. (Contact: Bruce Cairncross, Department of Geology, Rand Africans University, P.O. Box 524, Auckland Park, 2006, South Africa. Tel: +27 11 489 23 13; Fax: +27 11 489 23 09; E-mail: bc@na.rau.ac.za; Website: <http://general.rau.ac.za/geology/announcement.htm>)

September 16–20

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (IAEG), "Engineering Geology for Developing Countries" (9th International Congress), Durban, South Africa. (Contact: The Technical Committee, 9th IAEG Congress, P.O. Box 1283, Westville 3630, South Africa)

October 28–31

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA (Annual Meeting), Denver, Colorado, USA. (Contact: GSA Meetings Dept., P.O. Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301-9140, USA; Tel: +1 303 447 2020; Fax: +1 303 447 1133; E-mail: meetings@geosociety.org; WWW: <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm>)

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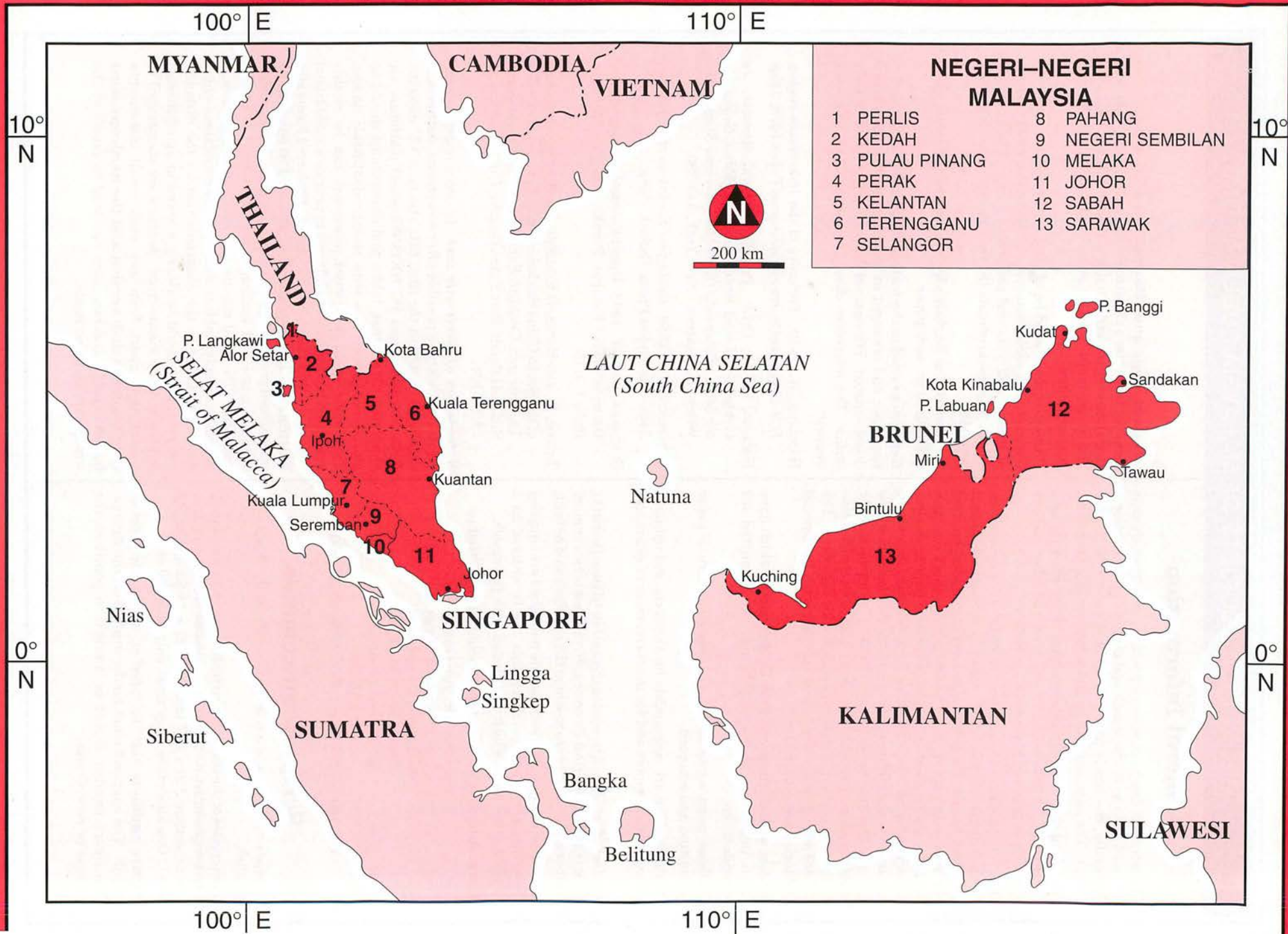
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