OCCURRENCE OF A NOT UNEXPECTED DOLERITE IN CENTRAL KEDAH - A REPLY

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Sir: We refer to the letter by Prof. C.S. Hutchison dated 23rd June 1982 commenting on our paper on the 'Occurrence of a not unexpected dolerite in Central Kedah', Warta Geologi, 7, 1981, 187-189.

There is only one point in the letter, i.e. in an unpublished report of Abdullah Haron, the dolerite has been discovered and a study made. In truth we are unaware of this study in Abdullah's work and we are happy that our <u>separate</u> studies have arrived at similar conclusions.

The number of unpublished undergraduate student theses or rather project reports as they are now officially called is increasing at a very rapid rate and it is practically impossible for anyone to keep pace with all the findings reported in such unpublished works. As such, it is impossible to acknowledge someone else's work if one is not aware of its existence.

One of the functions of the GSM publications is to make known to everyone the findings of the many geologists who have worked in this country. To this end, the GSM used to publish the Bibliography of Malaysian Geology. I hope the GSM will try to reactivate such publications so that the main findings reported in unpublished works are made known to everyone.

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