

## PERTEMUAN PERSATUAN (Meeting of the Society)

### Ceramah Teknik (Technical Talk)

#### A GLIMPSE OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND ROCK MECHANICS IN MALAYSIA

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Geology Department

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(in collaboration with the Dept of Geology, University of Malaya)

**MR TAN BOON KONG**

#### Report

As the inaugural lecture in the series given by retirees, the initiator, Tan Boon Kong, kicked off the series by presenting his lecture entitled "A glimpse of engineering geology and rock mechanics in Malaysia" at 5.30 pm at Geology Lecture Hall, Geology Department, University of Malaya.

In his lecture, Boon Kong highlighted the various case studies of significance that he had the opportunity to carry out during his tenure as Engineering Geologist with the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia up to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2006.

The lecture was well received by the audience of about 30 as evidenced by the many interesting questions asked, which the speaker readily answered and gave advice. Despite having retired from Government service, it is commendable of Boon Kong to continue in his capacity as Chairman, GSM Working Group on Engineering Geology & Hydrogeology, where he has outshone other chairmen by his annual list of interesting events, including collaborating with IEM, all for the benefit of members.

**Prof Teh Guan Hoe**

#### Biography

Mr. Tan was formerly an Associate Professor in Engineering Geology at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi, where he has served for the past 33 years. He retired recently from the university. In addition to teaching and research in the university, Mr. Tan was also engaged occasionally on an ad-hoc or project basis in consulting practices in Engineering Geology with the private sectors, mostly with the Geotechnical and Civil Engineering consulting companies or contractors.

Mr. Tan has also been actively involved in professional bodies such as the Geological Society of Malaysia (GSM), the Institute of Geology Malaysia (IGM) and the Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) as a member of the Council (GSM, IGM) or Technical Divisions (IEM).

As for hobbies, they include swimming, running around construction sites, participating in seminars/conferences, and talking to engineers.



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*Opening remarks by Prof. Dr. Teh GH, Chairman.*



*Students at tea time before the talk.*



*Mr. Tan Boon Kong delivering his talk.*



*Part of the audience at the talk by Tan Boon Kong.*



*Tan Boon Kong emphasising a point in his lecture.*



*Old friends - Prof. Teh GH presenting a token of appreciation to Tan BK.*