

Short Course on Cone Penetration Testing

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING TECHNICAL DIVISION



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It was a great honour for the Geotechnical Engineering Technical Division (GETD) of IEM, to have two renowned experts in cone penetration testing – Mr. Tom Lunne of Norwegian Geotechnical Institute and Dr John Powell of Geolab Ltd – conduct a one-day course on 23 April 2013.

Due to the overwhelming response with 171 participants registering, the venue had to be moved to Sri Kayangan Ballroom at De Palma Seminar and Conference Centre, 15th Floor of Menara PKNS from Auditorium Tan Sri Ir. Prof. Chin Fung Kee in Wisma IEM.

The course was jointly organised by IEM GETD and Malaysian Soil Investigators Association (MSIA). It was sponsored by Geomil Asia Sdn Bhd and financially supported by advertisements from MSIA members to keep the registration cost affordable for members of IEM and MSIA. There was also strong support from the public, government link companies and the oil & gas industry. The same course was also conducted in Kota Kinabalu under IEM Sabah branch, with the full support of IEM GETD.

Apart from the course, a technical reference book titled "Cone Penetration Testing in Geotechnical Practice", co-authored by Lunne and Powell with Peter Robertson, was made available at a discounted price of RM400 instead of US\$315 (Reference 1). There are still seven copies available at the same discounted price. Those interested to buy can contact the IEM secretariat. IEM GETD has also donated two copies to the IEM library for future reference by the members.

During the Q&A session, there was active discussion from the floor on the subject matter and a mutual exchange of opinion. The short course ended at 5.00 p.m. with a group photo taken with the two speakers, committee members from MSIA, IEM GETD and organising committee. ■



Group photograph with Lunne, Powell, MSIA committee members, IEM GETD members and organising committee members