

SPECIAL ISSUE

The Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society (SEAGS) held its 16th Southeast Asian Geotechnical Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 8th to 11th May 2007. In the event, the Society also celebrated its 40th Anniversary. The conference was a successful one as many good papers were presented by prominent geotechnical engineers of the region and abroad. The General Committee of SEAGS decided to feature key papers presented at the conference in last issue of 2007 of the Geotechnical Engineering Journal.

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