

About the **SLOPES MADE SIMPLE**

In this book on slopes, the writer makes “the complicated simple by going back to basics”. Such treatment of a normally difficult topic regarded as the purview of engineers only reflects years of hands-on experience and knowledge. The book is well written and full of illustrations, making it easy to understand even the difficult topics. This book is for everyone to read to appreciate what slopes--natural or manmade--are all about: simple.

Tan Sri Dato’ Ir. Jamilus Hussein

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There is an imperative need for a simple guide on slopes which everybody can quickly and easily understand...A guide that provides simplified explanations of how slopes and drainage work, why maintenance is essential and what constitutes maintenance to ordinary people. Our community as a whole have to know, understand and appreciate this for its well-being especially for a safe and healthy environment. The culture of maintenance especially on slopes and drainage has to be internalized by all, and at all levels. This is what the booklet Slopes Made Simple is all about. In fact it is a ‘gift to society’, applicable to all, and can be intelligently practiced even by ordinary people.’

Dato’ Seri Dr. Tengku Zainal Adlin Mahmood

Vice President Emeritus, WWF Malaysia

I recommend this little book to all property owners in sloping areas and their professional advisors. It has some great insights and is beautifully illustrated. Whilst written for the lay-person, civil engineers will also discover many truths about the real world of slopes.

Professor Andrew W Malone

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From the sample pages on the GEA website it looks like a very well-illustrated and laid-out book. I hate to say this in a negative way, but I’m surprised Malaysia can produce such an interesting-looking text about a relatively dry subject like engineering.

Yeah lah, coffee-table photo books about pretty things like wildlife or baju kebaya are one thing, but it takes real talent AND hard work to make educational books about “boring” subjects look cool. Will definitely consider getting it. Thanks for the review.

Hwa Shi-Hsia

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Dear Editor,

Developments around hilly terrain have been well managed by Hong Kong (SAR) of China, and their experiences are very good models for Malaysians. [But] for too long, those who are entrusted to lead on this issue here have been not able to lead well.

[I am referring to] stakeholders [like] developers, local councils, buyers, related government agencies, and worst, the political leaders and law makers who [only do] ‘fire fighting’ [when] tragedies [occur] like the Bukit Antarabangsa slope failure on 6/12/2008, and the Highland Towers collapse in 1994. Over the years, [we have] knowledge and experience BUT we [never learn] and never manage or minimise our problems. [It is so sad]. This kind of tragedy will repeat and keep on repeating. Good luck to buyers of hilly terrain evelopments.

Warmest regards,

Peter Leow

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Sir,

PER: COMMENDATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL BOOK ON SLOPE SAFETY

We would like to bring to your kind attention a reference book on slopes that has made a significant impact on raising awareness and upgrading the knowledge of slope safety among the general population within the country.

2. "Slopes Made Simple" is a must-read for anybody who deals with slopes, whether they are layman or technical readers. Simply written, the book is a primer for hillside residents and members of the public who have no background in geotechnical or civil engineering but need to know basic concepts in slope design, construction, and maintenance for community-level actions and programs. At the same time, the book presents practical how-to's, principles, and procedures that make it useful for technical audiences such as landscape architects, contractors, and construction industry practitioners to apply in practice. For engineers, it is a refresher course in 'back to basics'. It is more pleasing to note that this book is applicable to all South East Asian region and it is written by a local engineer..
3. Cutting through the jargon, formula, and dense 'technospeak' that often bedevils engineering books, the author masterfully gets to the fundamentals to produce a gem of a book. Replete with illustrations and easy-to-follow steps, it provides readers of all levels with a basic understanding of how landslides occur, what causes them, and what to do to mitigate slope failures.
4. In summary, it is a hands-on book that is a teaching tool for communities as well as a call for action for anybody dealing with slopes.
5. For this reason we would like to commend both the author of the book and BEM for its part in encouraging more knowledge to be disseminated in the name of slope and public safety.

Yours truly,

Abdul Razak Bahrom
Chairman

