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Some Miocene planktonic foraminifera from Bidu-Bidu area, Sabah

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Abstract: Two assemblages of planktonic foraminifera were identified from the Garinono Formation in the Bidu-Bidu area. The older assemblage retrieved from the mudstone matrix of the chaotic deposits consists of *Globigerinoides trilobus*, *Globigerinoides diminutus*, *Globigerinoides bisphericus*, *Praeorbulina sicana*, *Globoquadrina baroemoenensis*, *Dentoglobigerina altispira altispira* and *Dentoglobigerina altispira globosa*. This assemblage is indicative of late Early Miocene age. The younger assemblage retrieved from the tuffaceous mudstone bed comprises *Globigerinoides trilobus*, *Globigerinoides immaturus*, *Globigerina woodi*, *Orbulina universa*, *Orbulina suturalis*, *Dentoglobigerina altispira altispira*, *Globorotalia pseudoscitula*, *Globorotalia fohsi peripheroacuta* and *Sphaeroidinellopsis disjuncta* indicative of early Middle Miocene age.

INTRODUCTION

Bidu-Bidu area has been mapped by Newton-Smith (1967). The area consists of Chert-spilite Formation, ultrabasic rocks, basic rocks, Garinono Formation and Kamansi Beds. Most of the geological information were obtained from limited outcrops exposed in the river. Construction of a new road in the area has exposed several good outcrops in the area. A road-cut at Sungai Kibut area (Fig. 1) exposes two rock units. The lower unit consists of sedimentary mélangé which was included in the Garinono Formation (Newton-Smith, 1967). The upper unit is composed of interbedded tuffaceous mudstone and sandstone showing thickening upward sequence. This rock association was included in the Kamansi Beds by Newton-Smith (1967). Lee (1970) observed the same rock association in the Sandakan Peninsula and he included both units into the Garinono Formation. The matrix of the sedimentary mélangé and the lower tuffaceous mudstone bed yielded some identifiable planktonic foraminifera.

GEOLOGICAL SETTING

The geology of the Bidu-Bidu area is complex. The relationships among the rock units are not fully understood. We will restrict our discussion on the Garinono Formation only. The Garinono Formation is a chaotic deposit composed of rock fragments of various sizes and blocks of sandstone, limestone, chert, basalt, serpentinite and gabbro embedded in a mudstone matrix. This formation is a sedimentary mélangé (debris flow deposit). Lee (1970) extended the Garinono Formation to include the well bedded tuffaceous mudstone, tuff and tuffite. The Garinono Formation is equivalent to the Kuamut and Ayer Formations. The contact between the mélangé and the well bedded mudstone-sandstone sequence is exposed at an outcrop near Sungai Kibut. The sandstone blocks of the mélangé exhibit slump folds and is overlain by the well bedded tuffaceous mudstone-sandstone sequence. The contact appears like an unconformity but there is no erosional feature observed.

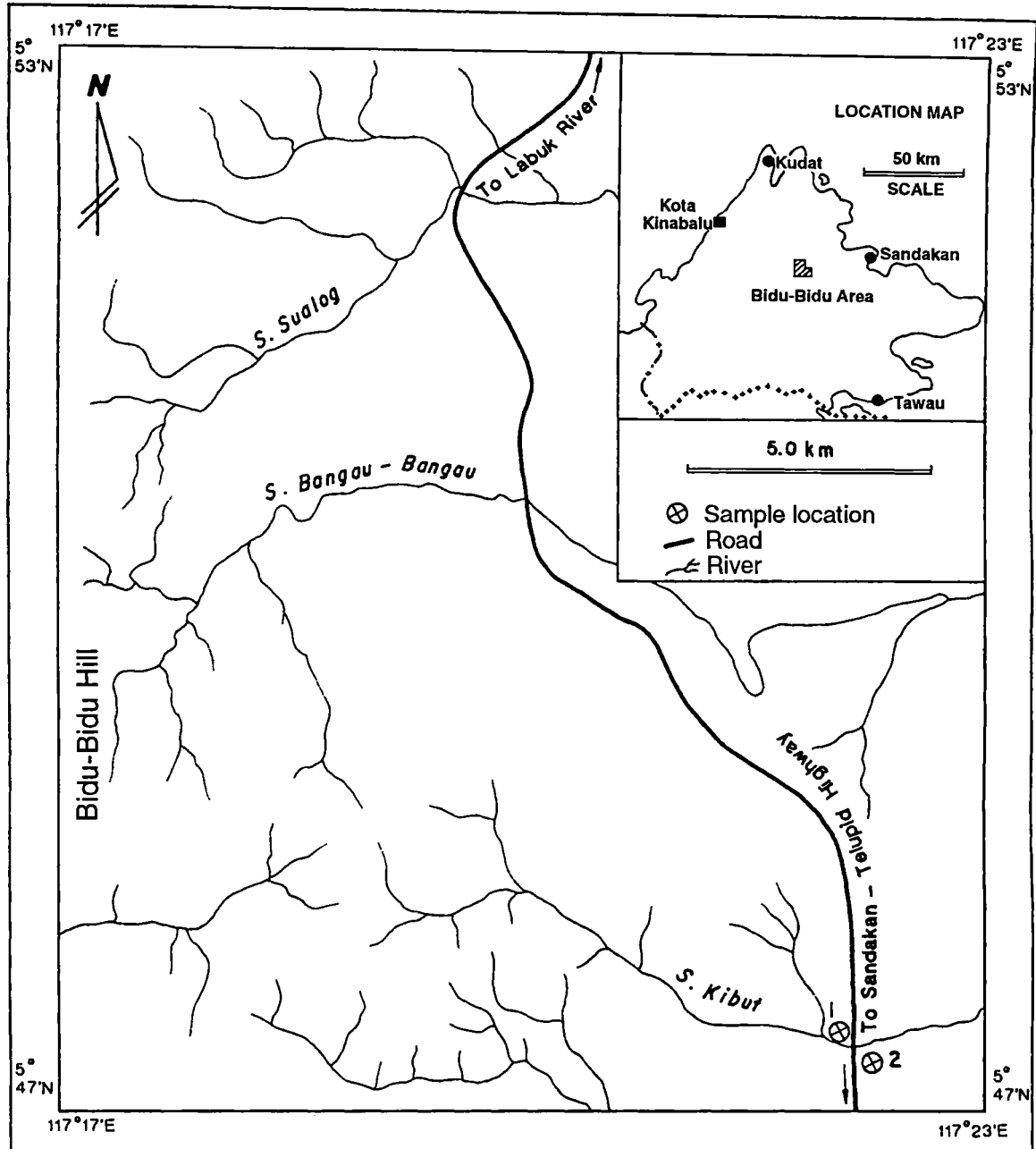
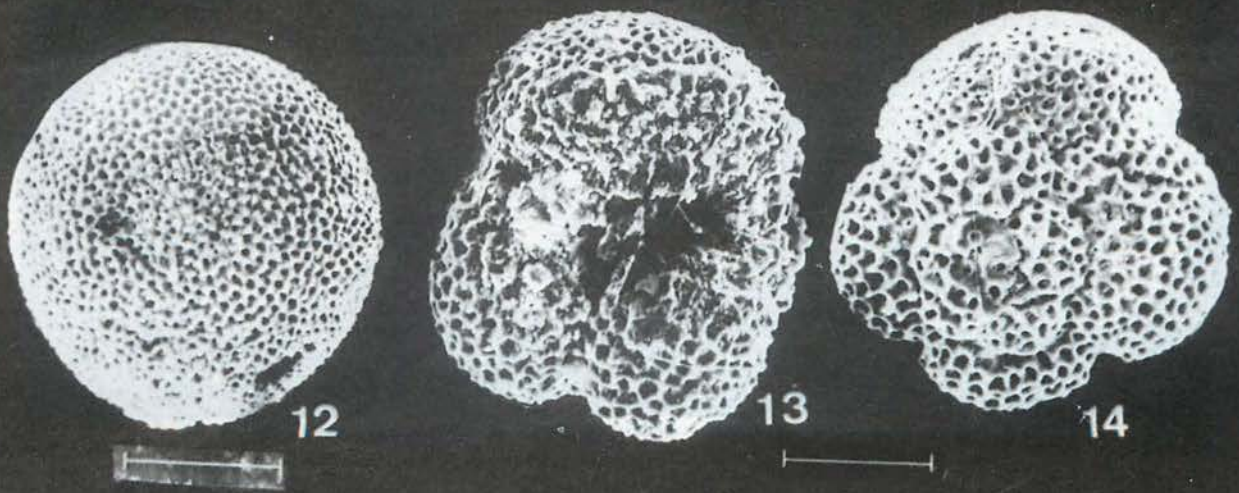
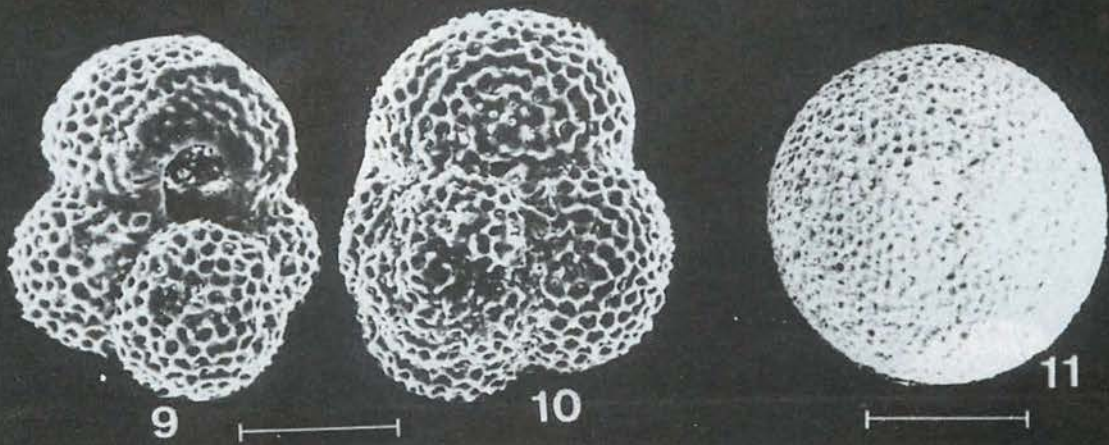
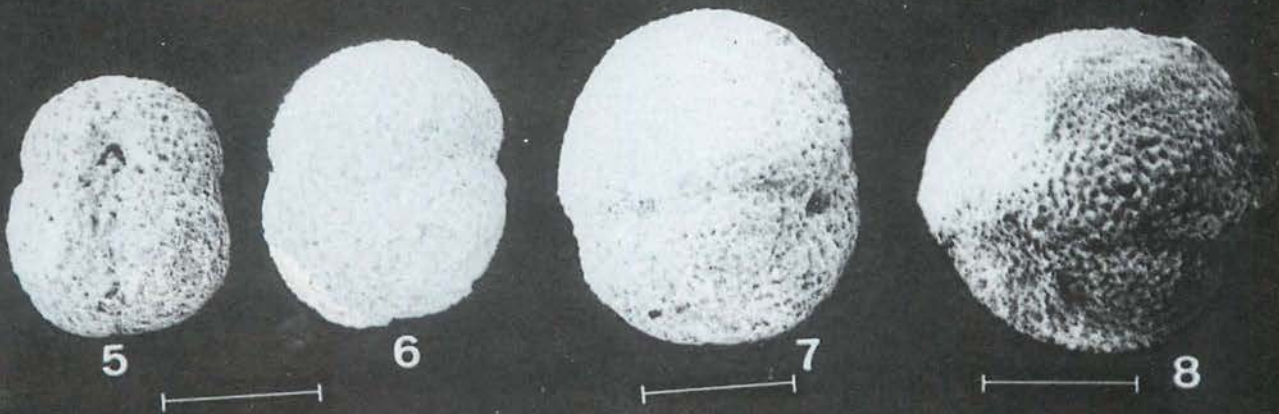
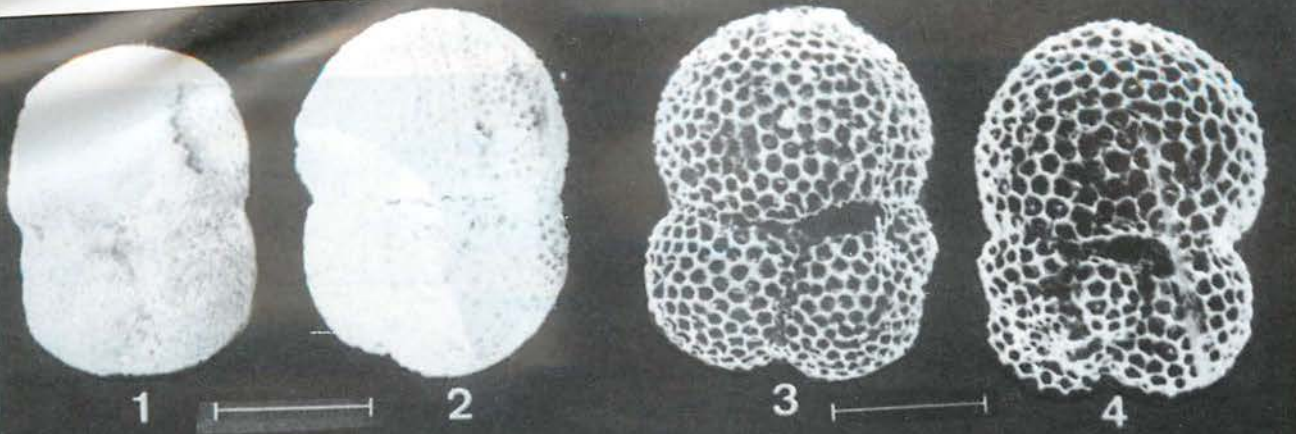


Figure 1. Map of Bidu-Bidu area showing sample locality.

- Plate 1.** 1, 2. *Globigerinoides immaturus* LeRoy (Scale bar = 200 μ m) (1. Umbilical view, 2. Spiral view).
 3, 4. *Globigerinoides trilobus* (Reuss) (Scale bar = 100 μ m) (3. Umbilical view, 4. Spiral view).
 5, 6. *Globigerinoides diminutus* Bolli (Scale bar = 100 μ m) (5. Umbilical view, 6. Spiral view).
 7. *Globigerinoides bisphericus* Todd (Scale bar = 200 μ m).
 8. *Praeorbulina sicana* (Blow) (Scale bar = 200 μ m).
 9, 10. *Globigerina woodi* Jenkins (Scale bar = 100 μ m) (9. Apertural view, 10. Spiral view).
 11. *Orbulina universa* d'Orbigny (Scale bar = 200 μ m).
 12. *Orbulina suturalis* Bronnimann (Scale bar = 200 μ m).
 13, 14. *Globoquadrina baroemoenensis* (LeRoy) (Scale bar = 100 μ m) (13. Apertural view, 14. Spiral view).



The occurrence of Middle Miocene planktonic foraminifera in tuffaceous mudstone in Sabah has been reported in many areas, namely, the Libong Tuffite Formation (Basir Jasin and Sanudin Tahir, 1987), the top of Garinono Formation (Lee, 1970), the top of Kuamut Formation, top of Ayer Formation, the Tabanak Conglomerate Formation (Leong, 1974), and Tungku Formation (Haile and Wong, 1965). This indicates that the volcanic eruptions were very active during early Middle Miocene time. These volcanic eruptions might have triggered the formation of chaotic deposits of the Garinono, Kuamut, and Ayer Formations and followed later by the deposition of volcanic ash and tuffs.

CONCLUSION

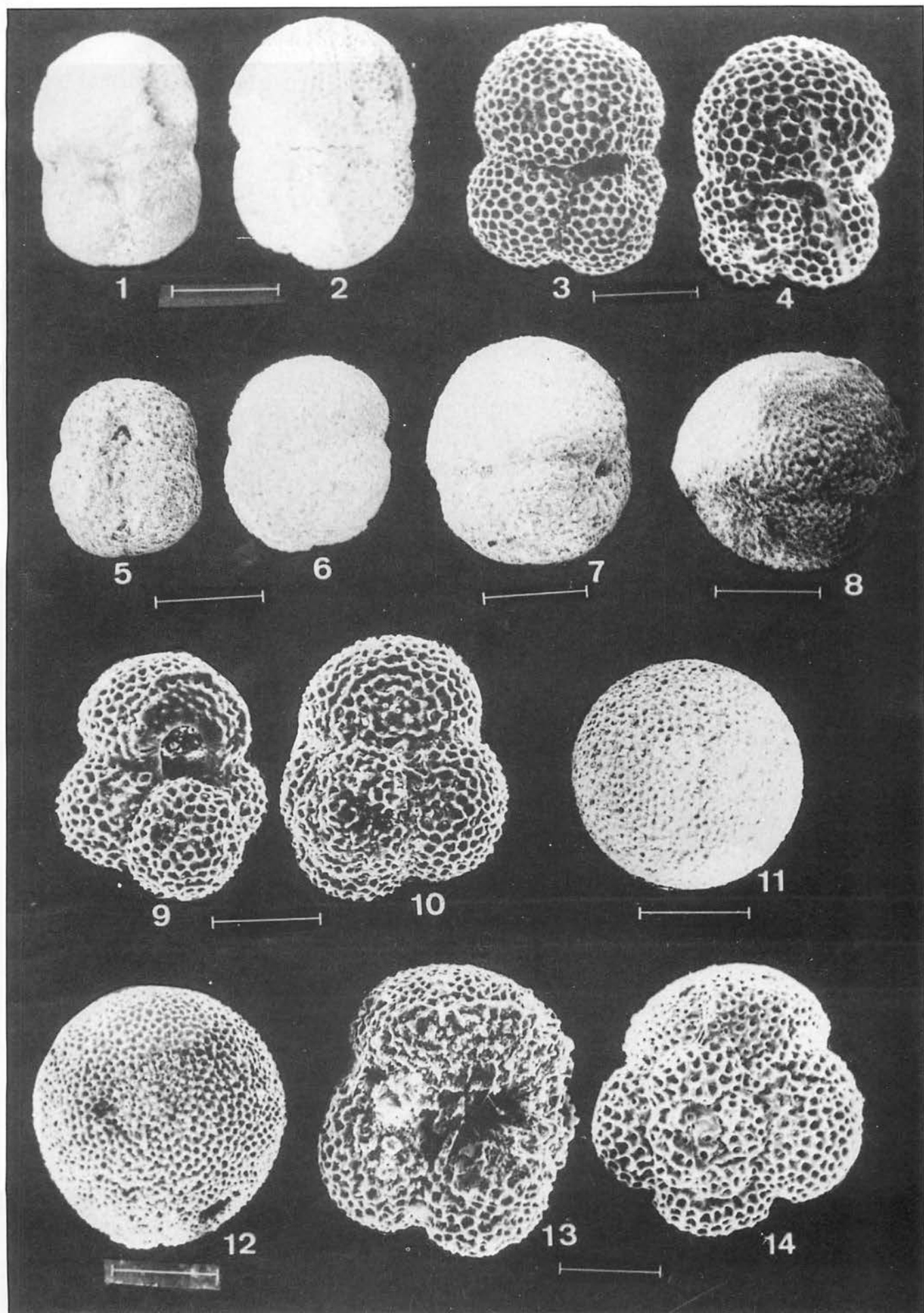
The Garinono Formation comprises the chaotic sedimentary mélange (debris flow deposits) overlain by the well bedded tuffaceous mudstone-sandstone sequence. The planktonic foraminiferal assemblage from the mudstone matrix of the mélange is indicative of the late Early Miocene whereas the foraminiferal

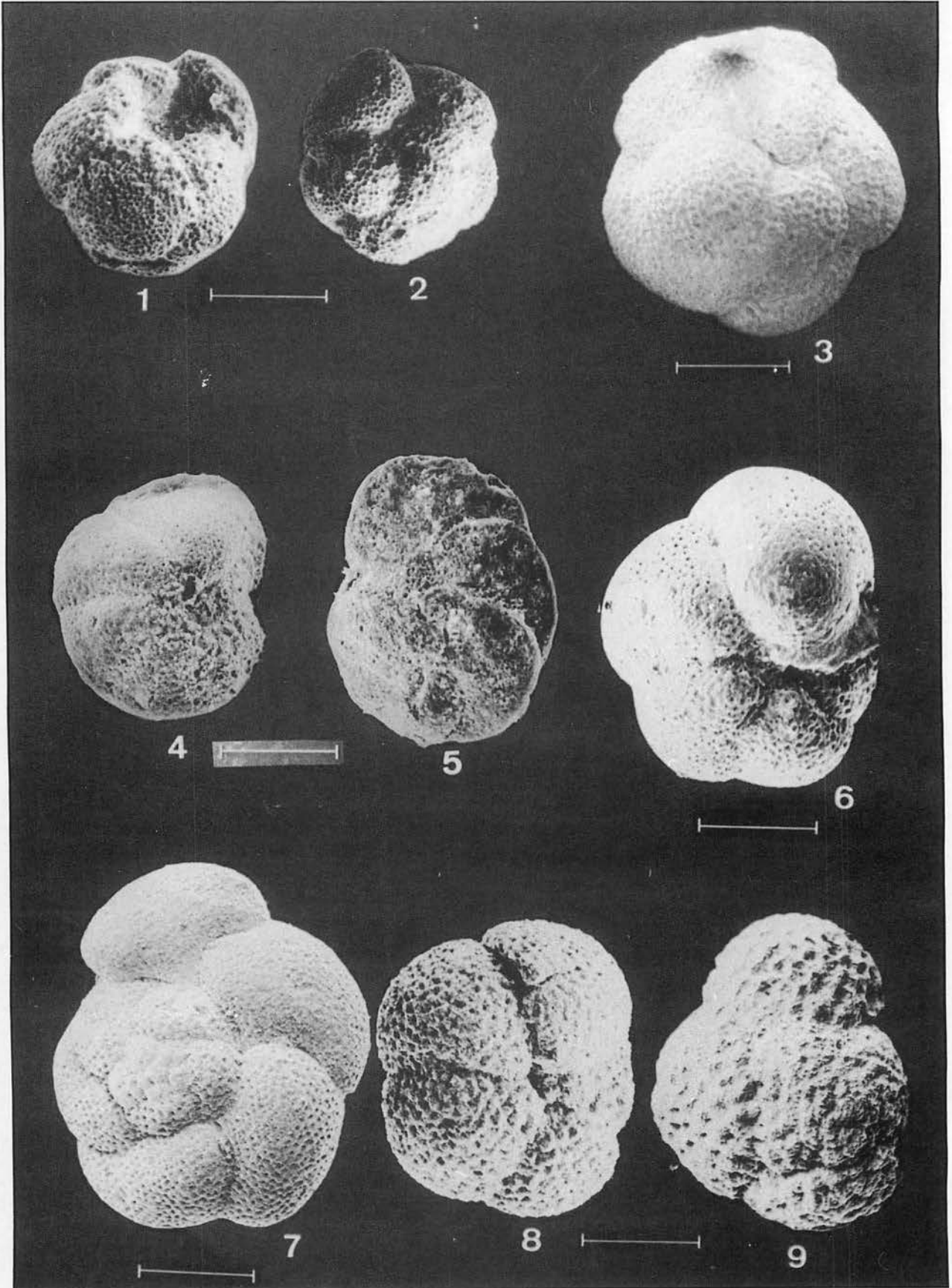
assemblage from the tuffaceous mudstone is indicative of early Middle Miocene. During the Middle Miocene the volcanic activities were very intensive and the tuffaceous material was widely distributed in eastern Sabah.

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MATERIAL AND METHOD

A mudstone sample was collected from the matrix of sedimentary mélangé (locality 1) and another sample was collected from the tuffaceous mudstone (locality 2) (Fig. 2). The samples were boiled with washing soda for several hours, washed and then dried. The foraminifera were picked by using a paint brush. Well preserved specimens were photographed by using Scanning Electron Microscope.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The matrix of the sedimentary mélangé (locality 1) yielded seven species of planktonic foraminifera. They are *Globigerinoides trilobus* (Reuss), *Globigerinoides bisphericus* Todd, *Globigerinoides diminutus* Bolli, *Praeorbulina sicana* (Blow), *Globoquadrina baroemoenensis* (LeRoy), *Dentoglobigerina altispira altispira* (Cushman and Jarvis) and *Dentoglobigerina altispira globosa* (Bolli) (Plates 1 and 2). Most of the fauna are kummerforms. The occurrence of *Globigerinoides diminutus*, *Praeorbulina sicana* and *Globigerinoides bisphericus* is indicative of *Praeorbulina Glomerata* Zone (N. 8) of late Early Miocene age. The occurrence of planktonic foraminifera in the matrix of the mélangé indicates that this chaotic rock was deposited by submarine slumping or debris flow.

Nine species of planktonic foraminifera were identified from the tuffaceous mudstone sample from the locality 2. They are composed of *Orbulina universa* d'Orbigny, *Orbulina suturalis* Bronnimann, *Globigerinoides trilobus* (Reuss), *Globigerinoides immaturus* LeRoy, *Globigerina woodi* Jenkins, *Dentoglobigerina altispira altispira* (Cushman and Jarvis), *Globorotalia praescitula* Blow, *Globorotalia fohsi peripheroacuta* Blow and Banner, and *Sphaeroidinellopsis disjuncta* (Finlay) (Plates 1 and 2). This assemblage is indicative of *Globorotalia fohsi fohsi* Zone (N. 10), of early Middle Miocene age.

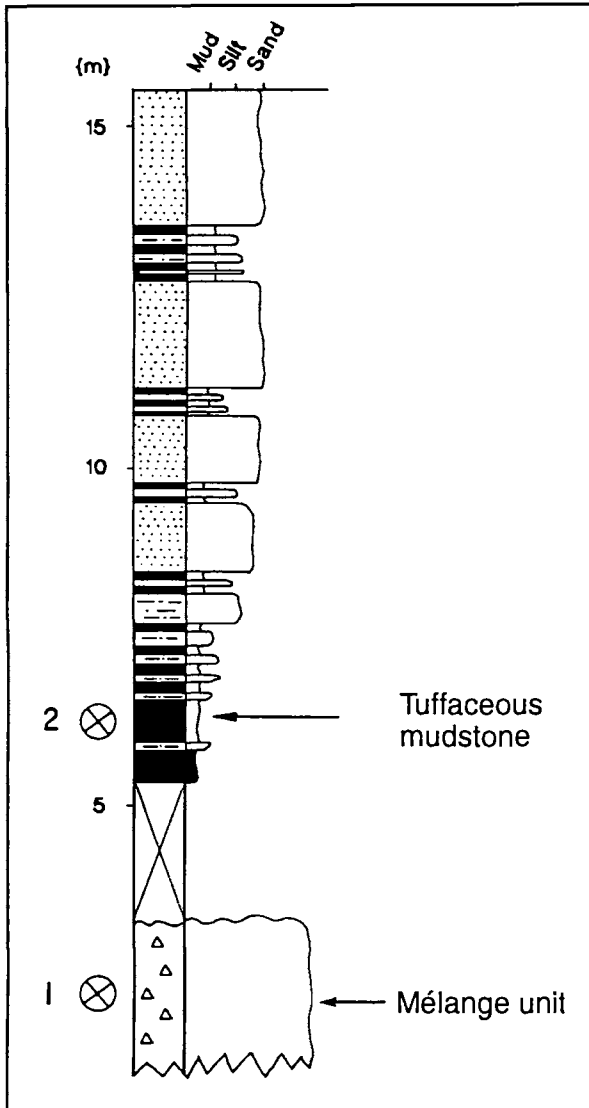


Figure 2. Measured section of locality 1 and locality 2. Garinono Formation, Bidu-Bidu area.

- Plate 2. 1, 2. *Dentoglobigerina altispira altispira* (Cushman and Jarvis) (Scale bar = 300 μ m) (1. Oblique umbilical view, 2. Spiral view).
 3. *Dentoglobigerina altispira globosa* (Bolli) (Scale bar = 200 μ m).
 4, 5. *Globorotalia fohsi peripheroacuta* Blow and Banner (Scale bar = 130 μ m).
 6, 7. *Globorotalia praescitula* Blow (scale bar = 100 μ m).
 8, 9. *Sphaeroidinellopsis disjuncta* (Finlay) (Scale bar = 100 μ m).

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CATATAN GEOLOGI

Geological Notes

Fosil kayu dan beberapa fosil tumbuhan dari Sg. Berok, Gua Musang, Kelantan (Wood and some plant fossils from Sg. Berok, Gua Musang, Kelantan)

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Abstract: Wood and plant fossils have been discovered in two localities at Post Blau 1-2 km west and southwest of Sungai Berok, Gua Musang. The fossils, *Cordaites* sp., *Araucarioxylon* sp., *Pecopteris* sp. and *Sphenopteris* sp. are exposed in carbonaceous siltstone of Gua Musang Formation. Out of the four genus found, *Araucarioxylon* sp. and *Sphenopteris* sp. have not been reported before from the Gua Musang Formation. In general the age of the plant fossils are estimated to be about the same age as Gua Musang Formation, that is Perm-Triassic.

Abstrak: Fosil kayu dan beberapa fosil tumbuhan telah ditemui di dua lokaliti di Pos Blau, 1-2 km ke arah barat dan baratdaya Sungai Berok, Gua Musang. Fosil-fosil tersebut, *Cordaites* sp., *Araucarioxylon* sp., *Pecopteris*, sp. dan *Sphenopteris* sp. telah dijumpai tersingkap di dalam batu lodak berkarbon Formasi Gua Musang. Daripada keempat genus yang ditemui *Araucarioxylon* sp. dan *Sphenopteris* sp. belum pernah dilaporkan ditemui dari Formasi Gua Musang. Pada amnya usia fosil-fosil ini selaras dengan usia Formasi Gua Musang iaitu di sekitar Perm-Trias.

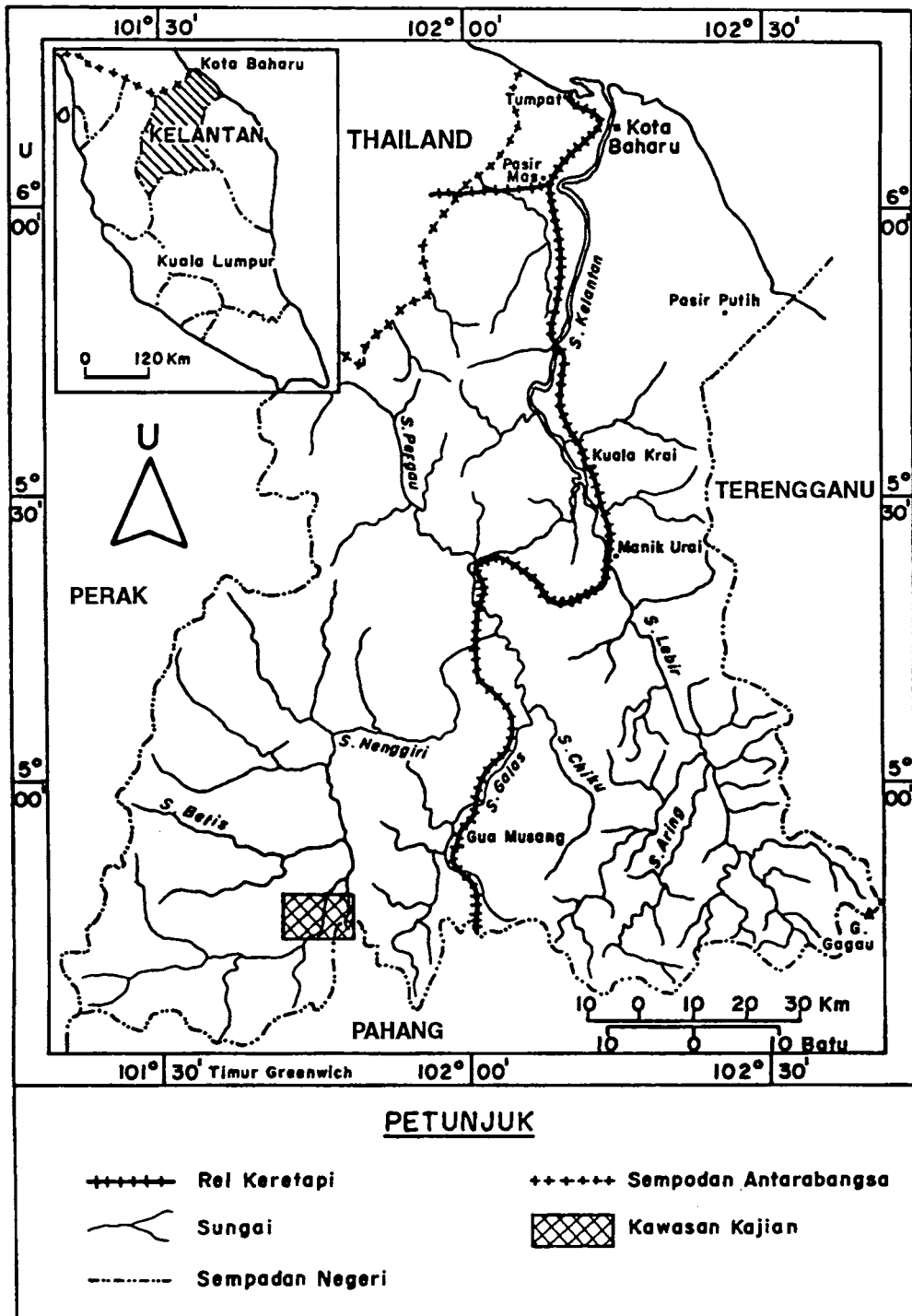
PENDAHULUAN

Dalam kajian tesis yang dilakukan oleh pelajar tahun kepujian di kawasan Sungai Berok berhampiran dengan Blau, Gua Musang, sebanyak tujuh lokaliti fosil telah dijumpai. Tiga diantaranya dijumpai di dalam fasies berargilit dan empat lagi di dalam fasies berkapur dalam Formasi Gua Musang yang berusia Perm-Trias. Daripada kesemua fosil yang dijumpai hanya dua lokaliti tersingkap fosil tumbuhan di dalam batu lodak. Secara amnya kesemua fosil tumbuhan telah dapat dicamkan (Ng Chiang Seng, 1991) dan terdiri daripada genus *Cordaites* sp., *Araucarioxylon* sp. *Pecopteris* sp. dan *Sphenopteris* sp. Selain dari *Cordaites* sp. dan *Pecopteris* sp. yang pernah dijumpai di dalam Formasi Gua Musang oleh

Fontaine and Khoo (1990), *Araucarioxylon* sp. dan *Sphenopteris* sp. adalah merupakan fosil-fosil yang belum pernah dilaporkan dari Formasi Gua Musang, Kelantan.

GEOLOGI KAWASAN KAJIAN

Kawasan kajian seluas 91 kilometer persegi (Rajah 1) terletak di bahagian baratdaya Kelantan, iaitu di sekitar Jeram Gajah, Sungai Berok (Hulu Sungai Nenggiri). Kedudukan garis lintangnya adalah dari U4°48' hingga U4°43'. Batas garis bujur pula adalah dari T101°43' hingga T101°48'. Pada amnya kawasan kajian cuma terdiri daripada batuan metamorf paleozoik bawah di sebelah barat dan jujukan sedimen-piroklas Formasi Gua Musang di bahagian timur. Batuan metamorf



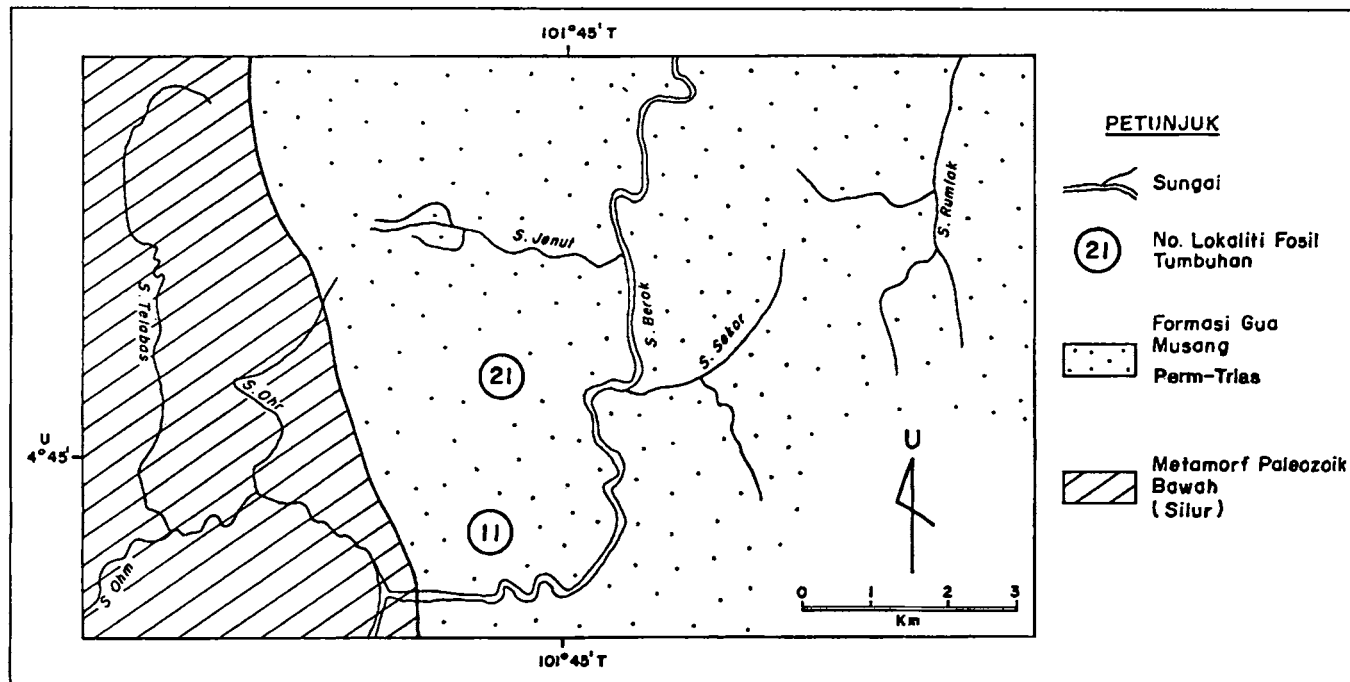
Rajah 1. Lokaliti kajian.

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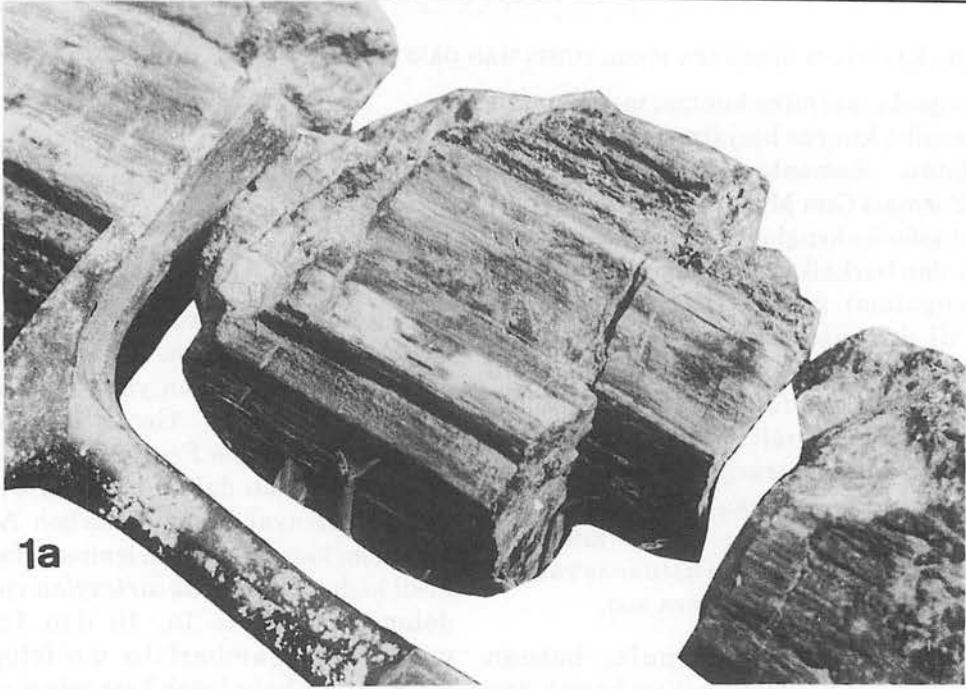
terdiri daripada syis mika kuarza, meta kuarzit dan gneis mika kuarza berjurus foliasi hampir utara-selatan. Sementara jujukan sedimen-piroklas Formasi Gua Musang pula terdiri dari litofasies-litofasies konglomerat, piroklas, arenit, berargilit dan berkalka. Formasi Gua Musang telah mengalami gred metamorfisme yang rendah di kawasan kajian. Sekitaran pengendapannya adalah daratan dan marin cetek. Berdasarkan fosil-fosil yang ditemui sebelumnya, biostratigrafi Formasi Gua Musang menunjukkan batuan berargilit berusia Karbon-Trias (Fontaine dan Khoo, 1990) dan Perm-Trias (Yin, 1965). Batu kapur mungkin diendapkan serentak dengan batuan berargilit dengan perubahan fasies secara sisi.

Secara litostratigrafi pula, batuan metamorf paleozoik adalah paling bawah dan berstruktur rencam. Fasies konglomerat Formasi Gua Musang menindih secara tidak selaras di atas batuan metamorf. Fasies berargilit, piroklas dan berkalka pula menindih secara selaras di atas konglomerat di mana kedudukan di antara mereka adalah berubah secara sisi.

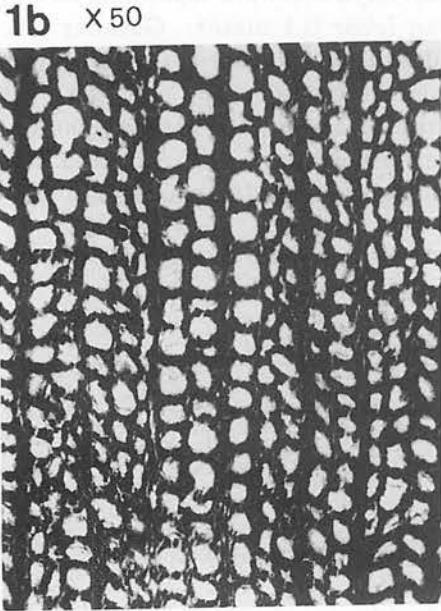
Kesemua fosil dijumpai di dalam Formasi Gua Musang di lokaliti 11 dan 21 (Rajah 2). Fosil tersebut didapati tersingkap dalam batuan fasies berargilit. Plat 1 no. 2a dan 2b menunjukkan gambar fosil *Cordaites* sp. Ianya adalah daun bersaiz besar di mana lebarnya mencapai hingga 4 sm. Daunnya memanjang dengan urat-urat daun yang juga memanjang tanpa cabang urat. Genus ini sama seperti yang dijumpai oleh Fontaine and Khoo (1990) di Sungai Chiku dalam Formasi Gua Musang yang dipercayai berusia Karbon Atas. Fosil ini tersingkap dalam batu lempung fasies argilit. Fosil kedua ialah *Araucarioxylon* sp. seperti di dalam Plat 1 no. 1a, 1b dan 1c. No. 1a merupakan gambarfoto morfologi sampel diambil dari batu lodak berkarbon yang terdiri dari kayu bersilika sepanjang hampir 0.3 meter dan lebar 0.1 meter. Gambar No. 1b dan 1c adalah dari keratan nipis secara rentas dan menmanjang di bawah mikroskop. *Araucarioxylon* yang berjulat usia Karbon-Kapur pernah dijumpai di Amerika Utara, India, Semenanjung Malaysia (Idris, 1990). Dalam



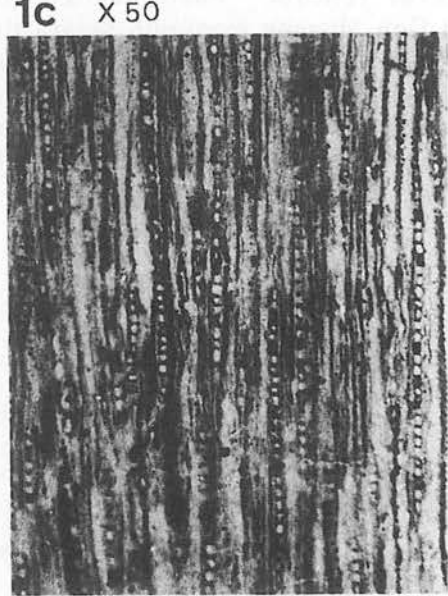
Rajah 2. Lokaliti Fosil.



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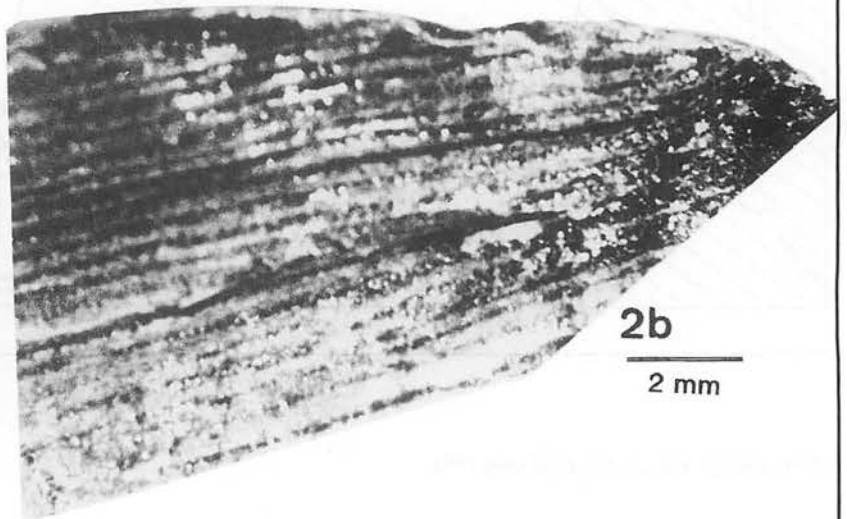
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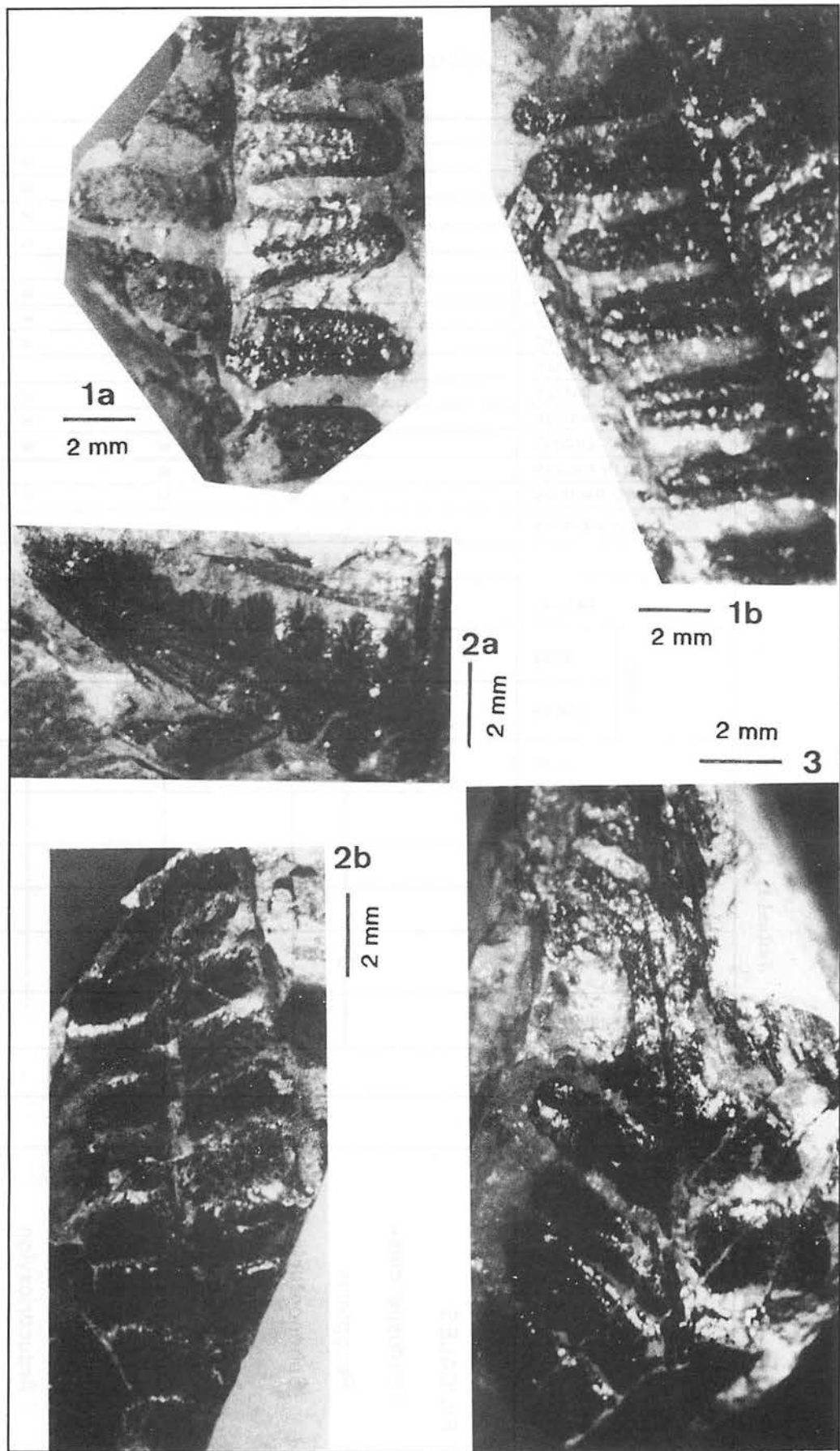
1c X 50



2a



2b



Plat 2. *Pecopteris* sp. (1a, 1b, 3)
Sphenopteris sp. (2a, 2b)

Plat 1. *Araucarioxylon* sp. (1a, 1b, 1c)
Cordaites sp. (2a, 2b)

Jadual I. Carta usia dan lokality fosil.

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Formasi Gua Musang, fosil ini adalah merupakan satu penemuan baru. Fosil ketiga dijumpai di dalam batu lempung di lokaliti 11 iaitu *Pecopteris* sp. merupakan pangkal daun yang melekat dengan keseluruhan kelebarannya pada tulang daun (Plat 2, no. 1a, 1b dan 3). Panjang daun adalah 4 mm, lebar 1 mm dan hujung daun yang hampir menirus. Daun tersusun secara renggang antara satu sama lain dan bersejajaran dengan ruang kosong di sebelah tulang daun yang satu lagi. Urat pusat serta cabang-cabang urat kecilnya jelas. Genus ini pernah ditemui di dalam Formasi Gua Musang di lokaliti Sungai Chiku, Kelantan oleh Fontaine and Khoo (1990) yang dikatakan berusia Stephanian atau Karbon Atas. *Sphenopteris* sp. pula dijumpai dalam batu lodak dan berbentuk daun yang bersaiz 1.5 m x 1 mm. Hujung daun ini berbentuk lobus atau bulat dan berurat pusat serta cabang kecil yang jelas. Daun-daun tersusun secara padat (Plat 2, no. 2a dan 2b). Genus yang berasosiasi dengan arang batu ini berusia Karbon dan pernah dilaporkan di Gambang dan Kijal (Jennings and Lee, 1985).

PERBINCANGAN

Fosil-fosil tumbuhan ini mewakili sekitaran pengendapan tanah rendah berpaya, di sepanjang garis pantai dan muara. Oleh kerana flora-flora tersebut berasosiasi dengan lapisan berkarbon setebal hampir 3 meter sebahagian besar kawasan kajian pada masa dahulunya adalah dipercayai merupakan daratan yang berpaya. Julat usia bandingan kesemua fosil tumbuhan dan taburan geografinya diberikan di dalam Jadual 1. Secara amnya usia fosil tumbuhan yang dijumpai adalah di dalam lingkungan julat usia Formasi Gua Musang yang secara litostratigrafinya telah ditentukan oleh Yin (1965) sebagai Perm-Trias Bawah. Walau bagaimanapun Edwards (1926) dalam Fontaine dan Khoo (1990) telah menyatakan bahawa Formasi Gua Musang berusia lebih tua iaitu dari Karbon Atas hingga Perm Bawah berdasarkan fosil tumbuhan yang terdiri dari *Pecopteris* sp. dan *Cordaites* sp. yang ditemui di Sungai Chiku Kelantan. Sementara itu Jennings dan Lee (1985) pula

telah melaporkan spesies *Sphenopteris hibberti* dari Gambang, Pahang yang berusia lewat Karbon Bawah. Penemuan ini menguatkan lagi bukti bahawa Formasi Gua Musang berusia lebih tua bermula dari Karbon Bawah. Idris *et al.* (1990) telah melaporkan penemuan *Araucarioxylon telentangesis* dari kawasan Ulu Endau yang mana kelihatan hampir sama dengan genus yang dijumpai dari Sungai Berok. Beliau menganggarkan usia spesies ini sebagai Perm Atas hingga Kapur Bawah berdasarkan usia formasi yang berhampiran kerana spesies tersebut adalah bongkah sungai. Oleh itu secara kesimpulannya julat usia Formasi Gua Musang boleh difikirkan berlanjutan hingga ke Karbon Atas berdasarkan *Pecopteris* sp., *Cordaites* sp. dan *Sphenopteris* sp., manakala penemuan *Araucarioxylon* sp. menunjukkan seolah-olah julat usianya sehingga Jura Bawah berdasarkan *Araucarioxylon japonicum* yang ditemui di Khorat, Thailand oleh Asama (1982) (dalam Idris *et al.*, 1990).

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PERTEMUAN PERSATUAN Meetings of the Society

Ceramah Teknik (Technical Talk)

Evolution of Starfish: a success story

ANDY SCOTT GALE

Laporan (Report)

Dr. Andy Scott Gale from The Natural History Museum, London & Imperial College, presented the above talk on 20 July 1995 at the Geology Department, University of Malaya.

Summary

Starfish or asteroids belong to the same phylum as echinoids and sea-cucumbers. Why are the present-day starfish so successful and diverse in their habitats? Modern starfish are very versatile feeders. They can be predators, deposit feeders, suspension feeders or scavengers or adopt a mixture of feeding modes depending on the availability of different food supplies.

Stomach eversion together with the ability to pry apart bivalves using their highly flexible arms armed with suckered tube-feet allow them to deal with large prey even though they have small mouths and no jaws for biting.

A complicated arrangement of muscle attachments and skeletal plates gives the arms of the post-Palaeozoic starfish their strength and versatility. Palaeozoic starfish, on the other hand, lack such muscle attachments and possess rigid brick-like ambulacral plates and hence had relatively inflexible arms. They did not have suckered tube-feet and were unable to evert their stomachs and thus could only feed on small prey. They were mostly sluggish scavengers and suspension deposit feeders and not specialized predators like their post-Triassic counterparts.



C.P. Lee

ANDY SCOTT GALE

University of London gravity work in Southeast Asia

JOHN MILSON

Laporan (Report)

Dr. John Milson, a Senior Lecturer in Exploration Geophysics at the University of London gave the above talk to an audience of about 23 on the 2nd August 1995 at the Geological Survey Department, Kota Kinabalu and to about 40 on the 8th August 1995 at the Geology Department, University of Malaya.

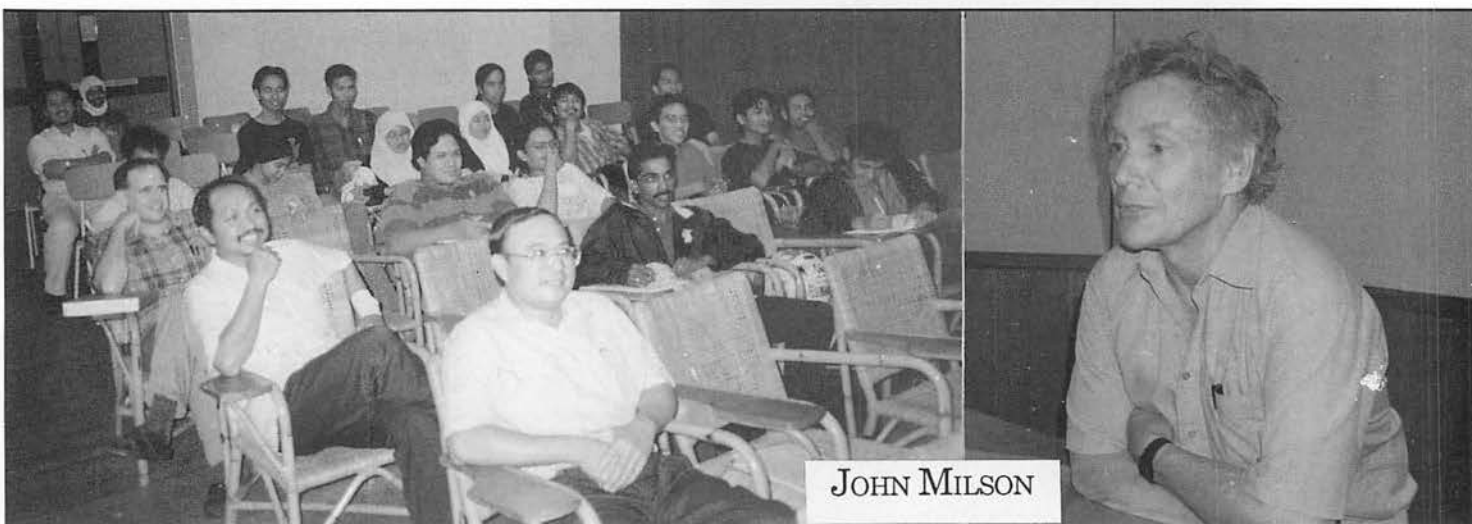
Dr. John Milson started off with a background on the University of London's gravity work in Southeast Asia and proceeded to give an example of how their work in the Banda Arc contributed to a better understanding of the geology and tectonics of the region. He also touched on the usefulness of offshore gravity data from satellites. He finished off his talk with a summary of the gravity work in Sabah. An important preliminary finding from his recent survey is that the ophiolites in Segama valley do not continue to those in the Labuk Valley. Apparently, there is a gravity high over the Darvel Bay indicating a much thicker ophiolite sequence there.

Abstrak (Abstract)

The University of London Consortium for Geological Research in Southeast Asia has been active in Malaysia, Thailand and Papua New Guinea since 1982. One aspect of its work is the acquisition of regional gravity data and their interpretation in conjunction with available seismic and geological information. Recently completed studies of the Banda Arc in eastern Indonesia provide an example of the approach. The location of the Australia-Eurasia collision trace in the area has been debated for many years, the critical location being the Kai Archipelago in the extreme east of the Banda Arc. Gravity surveys in the Archipelago have revealed a pattern of variation different from those elsewhere in the arc. Taken together with the oil industry seismic sections, the gravity results indicate a smooth curvature of the arc through 180° and not, as in most published maps, a major strike slip displacement of the Eurasian Plate.

Gravity surveys recently completed in Sabah are providing regional coverage of the southern and eastern parts of the State, and also are allowing the results of earlier surveys to be adjusted to the current international networks. Preliminary analysis shows gravity highs associated with the ophiolite bodies near Telupid and in Darvel Bay but has not substantiated a subsurface linkage between the two areas.

G.H. Teh



EIA Bakun: Aspek geologi dan hidrogeologi

**IBRAHIM KOMOO, CHE AZIZ ALI, KAMAL ROSLAN MOHAMED, JUHARI MAT AKHIR
DAN FELIX TONGKUL**

Laporan (Report)

Seminar anjuran bersama Jabatan Geologi UKM dan Persatuan Geologi Malaysia bertajuk *EIA Bakun: Aspek geologi dan hidrogeologi* telah disampaikan oleh Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Komoo di Bilik Seminar Jabatan Geologi UKM pada hari Rabu 23 Ogos 1995 jam 2.30 petang. Kertaskerja Seminar yang dibentangkan merupakan sebahagian daripada hasil kajian EIA Projek Hidroelektrik Bakun yang dilakukan oleh Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Komoo dan rakan-rakannya. Penyeminar telah membentangkan banyak maklumat geologi yang bakal tenggelam apabila projek Hidroelektrik Bakun ini dilaksanakan nanti. Persembahan grafik dan slaid yang menarik dan barangkali juga kehangatan topik Bakun itu sendiri telah berjaya menarik seramai 87 peserta dari pelbagai agensi kerajaan dan syarikat-syarikat perunding tempatan.

Abstrak (Abstract)

Cadangan Empangan Bakun mempunyai kawasan tadahan seluas 1,505,180 ha, dan luas kawasan takungan maksimum 69,640 ha. Empangan yang akan dibina berjenis Empangan Isian Batuan Bermuka Konkert, dengan ketinggian maksimum 205 m. Empangan ini akan menggunakan 8 unit Turbin yang masing-masing berkapasiti 315 MW, menjadikan empangan ini berupaya mengeluarkan kuasa elektrik sebanyak 2,400 MW.

Geologi kawasan tadahan Empangan Bakun terdiri daripada batuan Formasi Belaga (Kapur-Eosen Tengah), Formasi Nyalau (Miosen) dan batuan volkano (Tertiar Atas-Kuarternari). Formasi Belaga merupakan batuan yang paling dominan menunjukkan ciri selang lapis antara batu pasir greiwak, syal, batu lodak dan syal berkeping. Batuan berbutir halus berwarna kelabu gelap, keras dan berira selari dengan perlapisan asal. Batu pasir greiwak pula berwarna kelabu cerah dan sangat keras. Perlapisannya boleh daripada beberapa cm hingga 5 m. Formasi Nyalau menindih secara tidak selaras di atas Formasi Belaga. Batuan Formasi ini terdiri daripada batu pasir masif, batu pasir berlimonit dan syal berkarbon. Arang batu banyak terdapat di dalam formasi ini, umumnya berketebalan daripada beberapa cm hingga 3 m. Batuan volkano yang umumnya membentuk dataran tinggi dan pergunungan terdiri daripada lava basalt, aglomerat, riodasit, tuf dasit dan breksia andesit.

Keadaan hidrogeologi kawasan tadahan Empangan Bakun umumnya dikawal oleh geologi dan struktur batuan. Batuan ahli Layar dan Kapit daripada Formasi Belaga mempunyai potensi air bawah tanah yang buruk kerana berporositi rendah. Ahli Pelagus dan Metah yang merupakan jujukan muda Formasi Belaga, kelihatan mempunyai potensi air bawah tanah yang sederhana. Bagaimanapun, Formasi Nyalau yang masih terkonsolidasi sederhana merupakan satu-satunya formasi yang mempunyai potensi air bawah tanah yang baik. Sumber air bawah tanah di kawasan ini umumnya berkaitan dengan zon berekahan tinggi dan lapisan tanah terluluhawa.

Berdasarkan kajian aspek geologi dan hidrogeologi, beberapa impak utama pembinaan empangan ini telah dikenalpasti. Diantaranya ialah:

- Hakisan dan perlodakan
- Kestabilan cerun sepanjang tebing takungan
- Keseismosan tabii dan dorongan empangan
- Kehilangan khazanah geologi, dan
- Perubahan kekal di kawaan delta Rajang

Kebanyakan impak-impak ini boleh diminimumkan dengan kaedah kawalan dan sistem rekabentuk empangan yang bersesuaian. Bagaimanapun, sebahagian daripada impak ini akan berkeadaan kekal dan perlu diurus secara bijaksana.

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IBRAHIM KOMOO



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WARTA GEOLOGI 21(3) PEMBETULAN (Correction)

Article "Some Paleogene planktonic foraminifera from the Lubok Antu Complex, Sarawak" by Basir Jasin and Taj Madira Taj Ahmad, *Warta Geologi* 21(3) page 151, Plate 2,

Figure 8. *Globanomalina indiscriminata* (Mallory) (spiral view)
should read

Figure 8. *Morozovella naussi* (Martin) (Umbilical view)

and

Figure 9. *Globanomalina indiscriminata* (Mallory)

We apologise for the error.

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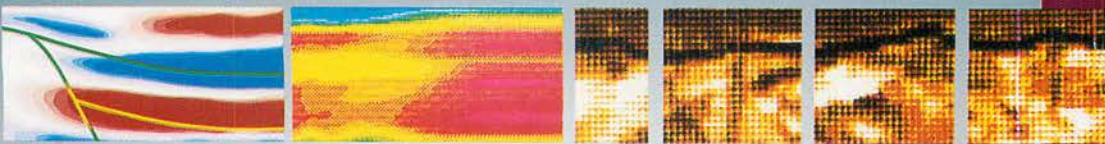
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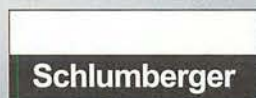
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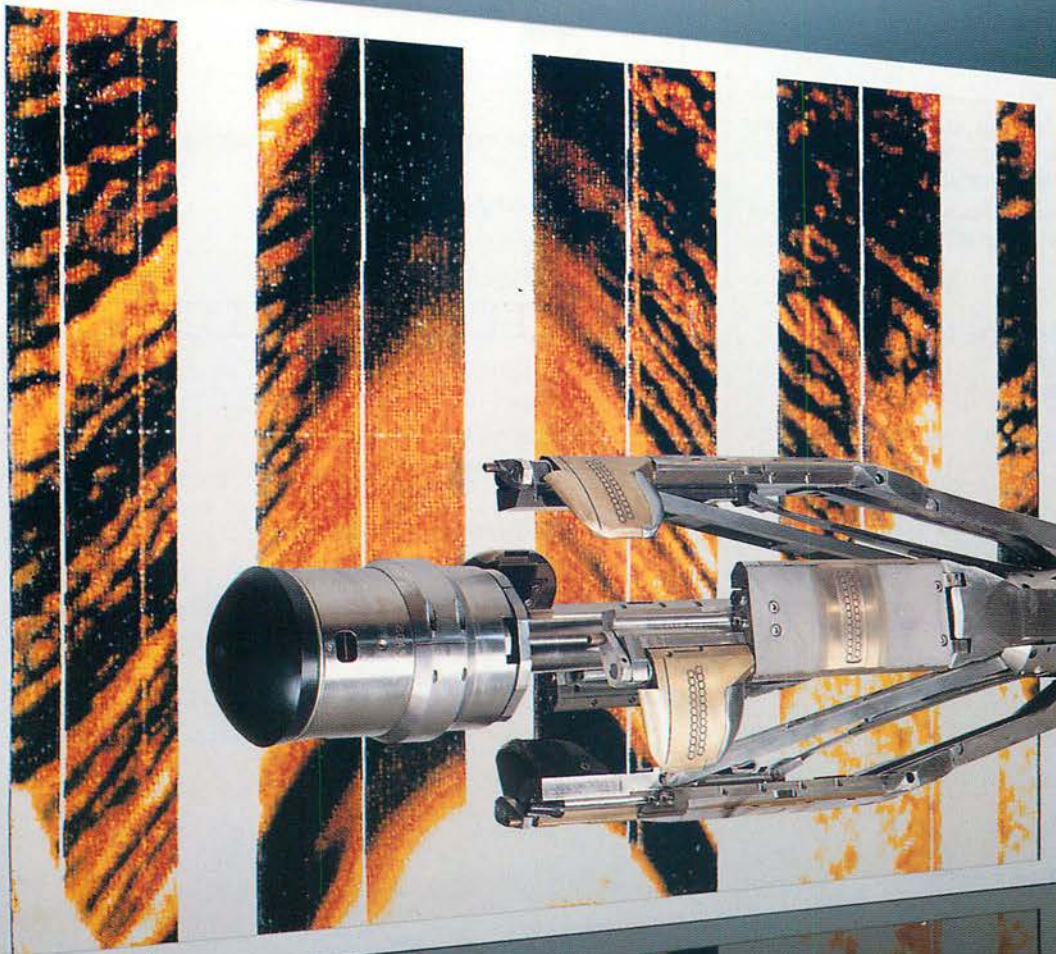
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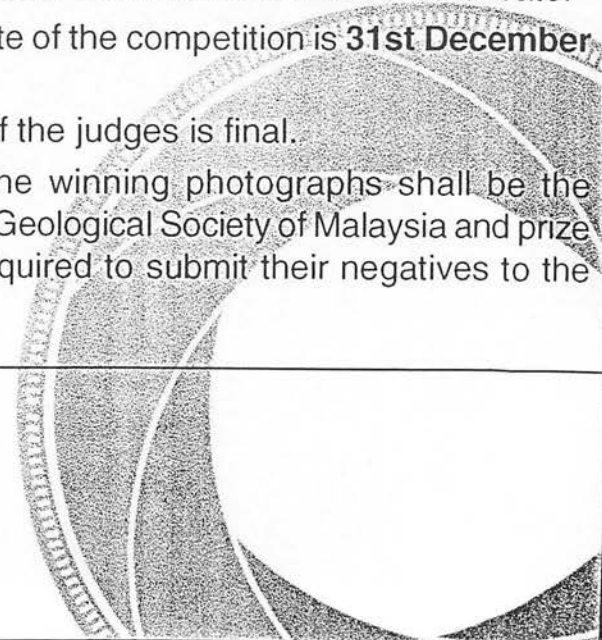
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- 1) This photographic competition is open to all members of the public.
- 2) The subject of the photographs must be on Malaysian geology only.
- 3) Each entry will be judged for both their geological as well as photographic quality and content.
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Local News

Varsity courses to be shortened

First degree courses offered at all local universities will be shortened from four to three years with effect from the next academic year, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced yesterday.

He said the move would reduce the total fees undergraduates would have to pay and allow them to enter the job market earlier to meet the shortage of skilled manpower in the country.

"Three years is adequate for a university education; we don't need to study for four years," Najib said, adding that Malaysian students would lose their competitive advantage by graduating at the age of 24 while their counterparts in advanced countries graduate sooner.

Speaking to reporters after chairing a post-Cabinet meeting, Najib said the decision was made at the recent vice-chancellors' conference.

He also said the syllabi of all courses would be reviewed to fit the new timetable and assured that the quality of education would not be compromised.

Najib said the three-year directive would not apply to five-year undergraduate

programmes at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia which would be reduced to four years.

Another exception is the medical degree course.

"We will follow the international norm. If it is five years, we'll do five years," he said.

Najib denied the move was linked to the corporatisation of universities. He said the Government had earlier planned to reduce the duration of courses of study.

He said the Cabinet had given its support for the changes and all local universities, including the International Islamic University, have been directed to implement the three-year courses for the 1996/97 intake.

Commenting on the announcement, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia vice-chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd Sham Sani said UKM was conducting a thorough study on its courses, especially those which are subject to requirements of professional bodies.

He added that the university might introduce a third semester to ensure that the students could graduate in three years.

Star, 17.8.1995

Landslides can occur at 126 spots

The Works Ministry has identified 126 sites along the East-West Highway where landslides can occur.

Its Minister, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, said today this was based on the interim report received from the respective State Public Works Departments on problem areas and roads nationwide.

The full report was expected to be received by the end of the month and would be sent to the

Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department for scrutiny before submission to the Cabinet for a decision, he said.

"The ministry has received many reports from the State PWDs on problem areas since the directive to identify such areas was issued last month," he told reporters after opening the PWD senior officers' meeting here.

He said the concessionaire for the North-South Highway, Projek Lebuhraya Utara-

Selatan (PLUS), would be responsible for the maintenance of the highway and ensuring the safety of the users.

Samy Vellu said earth and mud slips could occur during heavy rain along the 126 identified spots, many of them at hillslopes.

He said repairs and maintenance work had been carried out at 30 of the 126 identified spots to minimise problems.

"More such repairs would be carried out by the Public Works Department along the East-West Highway stretch and also along other roads with similar problems.

"Immediate measures need to be carried out to ensure that no tragedy or catastrophe like the recent one in Genting Highlands occurs," he said, referring to the June 30 landslide on the Genting Highlands slip road which killed 20 people and injured 22 others.

Samy Vellu said a substantial sum would have to be spent on maintenance and repair works along the East-West Highway and other identified problem roads.

He did not disclose how much was needed but added that the cost was irrelevant as the public's safety had to be given due importance.

The reports from the State PWDs, he said, would enable relevant departments under the ministry to take immediate remedial action to avoid incidents which could jeopardise the lives of road users.

"We are concerned over the safety of road users, especially those travelling along stretches which are surrounded by hills and valleys.

"Future problems which could affect the existing and proposed roads have also been identified," he said.

NST, 20.8.1995

Tin likely to breach RM18 level in two weeks

Tin, the commodity that has long taken a back seat to high-fliers such as palm oil and rubber, is in for headier days.

Last Friday, the price of tin on the Kuala Lumpur Tin Market hit another three-year high at RM17.60 per kg, up 43 sen from Thursday's RM17.17 per kg.

"The KLTM tin price could breach the RM18 per kg level over the next two weeks," an industry analyst told *Star Business* in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

After having been in the doldrums for years, the commodity breached the RM17 mark on Aug 8, closing at RM17.13. The last time it reached this level was on June 29, 1992.

Many view the current surge in price on the KLTM as a spillover effect of the commodity's strong performance on the London Metal Exchange (LME), where it traded above US\$7,000 (RM17,500) per tonne — a level not seen since 1992.

Major factors boosting the price are the tight supply in the world's tin stocks and a sudden upsurge in tin consumption by major consumers such as the United States and Europe, which are slowly recovering from the recession, as well as

developing nations like China, Thailand, South Korea and Taiwan.

The analyst said: *"Even on the LME, the emergence of fund manager, who are digging into tin, is prominent,"* he said.

He said foreign fund managers, who used to focus on main metals such as aluminium and copper, were currently diverting to tin. He added that tin was set to become a "hot" commodity again, as its substitution by other materials might end soon.

The analyst said escalating aluminium prices had resulted in US and European consumers shifting interest to "less pricely metals" such as tin.

He said a strong impact was created when soft drink giant Coca Cola, which had long used aluminium cans, recently opted for tin plates.

This was followed by news of a US company setting up a US\$80 million (RM200 million) electrolytic plant to produce 250,000 tonnes of tinplates annually by late 1996.

Again this backdrop however, tin stocks on the LME were fast depleting as major producers had scaled down production or closed their mines during the bad years, the analyst said.

Star, 21.8.1995

Tunnel cracks only 'superficial'

The web-like cracks in the Ipoh-Changkat Jering tunnel will not endanger the tunnel structure, the Malaysian Highway Authority said.

State Infrastructure Committee chairman Ong Ka Chuan said the MHA report stated that they were superficial cracks and did not have any impact on its structure.

"The cracks on the granite block are caused by the dilation of cement which is affected by the weather," he told reporters after receiving the MHA report here yesterday.

Ong was responding to *The Star's* report on Saturday that several motorists had detected web-like cracks in the tunnel.

Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (PLUS), in a statement, also claimed that the cracks were superficial and did not affect the tunnel's structure.

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Star, 22.8.1995

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Last year it successfully commissioned the A\$100 million (RM190 million) Mt. Muro goldmine in Kalimantan. The mine is now producing gold and silver at a gold equivalent

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PRESS RELEASE

Geological Reports on Industrial Minerals

Four reports by the Geological Survey Department on ball clay have been published recently. These reports are part of the Department's Sixth Malaysia Plan series of follow-up investigations on the clay deposits of Prai (Penang), Pasir Mas (Kelantan), Batang-Berjuntai (Selangor) and Besut (Terengganu).

A total of 74 million tonnes of ball clay were delineated; ten million tonnes in Prai, 14 million tonnes in Pasir Mas, 43 million tonnes in Batang Berjuntai and seven million tonnes in Besut. The quality of the clays found in all these areas are comparable to ball clays used in the local ceramic industry for the manufacture of floor and wall tiles, sanitary wares and other ceramic products. The physical and chemical characteristics as well as their suitability of for use in industry are detailed in these reports.

Principal Geologist Mr. K.K. Khoo said that these reports are on sale at RM50 each from the Geological Survey Department at Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh.

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15.	Muhammad Fadzli Deraman	Geologi Hulu Selangor dan Kajian Kestabilan Cerun Potongan Di KM 443.8-421.1 Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (Rawang-Sg. Selangor).

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| 16. | Nasharuddin Zaini | The Limestone Hill of Kampung Paya Gunung, Jerantut Pahang Darul Makmur. |
| 17. | Nik Azhar Nik Mat | Geologi Am Kawasan Kuala Lebir-Gua Musang, Kelantan. |
| 18. | Noradzmudin Muhamed Nor | Geologi Kawasan Kuala Jengai-Kampung Gadong Ulu Dungun, Trengganu. |
| 19. | Noranitha Sulatin | Geologi Struktur Kawasan Puchong, Serdang. |
| 20. | Noryati Roslie | Pemetaan Turutan Arang Batu & Petrologi Arang Batu Di Kawasan Lambir, Miri, Sarawak. |
| 21. | Qalam Azad Rosle | Stratigraphy, Sedimentology and Structural Geology of the Betong-Lepang Nenering Border Area, Pengkalan Hulu (Keroh), Hulu Perak. |
| 22. | Rengga A/K Gendang | Geologi Kawasan Bintulu Selatan, Sarawak dengan Penekanan kepada Petrologi Arang Batu. |
| 23. | Rosli Ismail | Geologi Kawasan Gombak Bintulu, Sarawak. |
| 24. | Rozita Hj. Musib | Geology of the Ampang-Ulu-Kelang Area, with Emphasis on Its Granite Soil Properties. |
| 25. | Rushdi Hj. Mohd. Yusoff | Geologi Kawasan -Selinsing-Sg. Koyan dengan Penekanan kepada Permineralan. |
| 26. | S. Ramesh A/L V. Subramanian | Geologi Kawasan Gombak, Selangor dengan Penekanan kepada Permatang Kuarza Klang Gate dari segi Petrologi, Geokimia dan Struktur. |
| 27. | Samsul Idrus | Geologi Am dengan Penekanan Kajian Geoteknik ke atas Kestabilan Cerun Lebuhraya Bukit Lanjan ke Jalan Duta. |
| 28. | Shazali Mat Arof | Geologi dengan Penekanan kepada Kajian Kejuruteraan Geologi Kawasan Teranum, Raub, Pahang Darul Makmur. |
| 29. | Syed Omar | Kawasan Kapit, Bahagian Ketujuh, Sarawak. |



SEMINAR GEOLOGI ABAD KE-21: CABARAN DAN PELUANG

13-14 Disember 1995
Kelab Rekreasi Universiti
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
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OBJEKTIF

Sempena genapnya usia UKM 25 tahun pada tahun 1995, begitu juga usia Jabatan Geologi, amat wajar Jabatan melakukan aktiviti menyemak sumbangannya setakat ini kepada bidang keilmuan dan pembangunan negara serta menentukan arah tuju yang lebih jelas, yang bukan sahaja bakal memperkukuh kegiatan penerokaan dan pengembangan ilmu geologi tetapi juga meningkatkan kebolehgunaannya untuk membangunkan negara. Sehubungan itu, Jabatan Geologi, UKM dengan kerjasama Persatuan Geologi Malaysia akan menganjurkan seminar di atas dengan objektif utama:

- Meneliti perkembangan semasa dalam bidang geologi khususnya dan sains bumi amnya dan merumus arah tuju bidang ini yang benar-benar relevan sebagai agen pengembangan ilmu dan pembangunan negara bagi Abad Ke-21.
- Menggariskan cabaran-cabaran yang harus ditempo bagi menjayakan hala tuju tersebut.
- Melihat peluang-peluang pengembangan yang ada bagi bidang geologi dan sains bumi, baik dalam aspek keilmuan, kegunaan, mahupun kerjaya dalam abad yang akan datang.

KERTASKERJA

Kertaskerja terbahagi kepada dua kategori: jemputan dan terbuka. Kertaskerja jemputan akan disampaikan oleh wakil-wakil institusi pengajian tinggi, agensi kerajaan, badan koporat serta jabatan kerajaan yang meliputi pelbagai aspek yang bersesuaian dengan tema seminar "Geologi Abad Ke-21: Cabaran dan Peluang". Bagi kertaskerja terbuka, pihak penganjur menjemput mereka yang

berminat untuk membentangkan kertaskerja yang berkaitan dengan aspek geologi pendidikan, perlombongan, petroleum, kejuruteraan, sekitaran dan geologi pembangunan yang bersesuaian dengan tema seminar ini. Antara kertaskerja jemputan ialah seperti di bawah:

- Perubahan global dalam pendidikan geosains pada transisi abad 20-21
- Unsur geosains dalam pendidikan menengah di Malaysia
- Prospek baru dalam sektor mineral di Malaysia
- Sektor petroleum Malaysia menuju abad ke 21
- Pendekatan geologi bersepadu ke dalam kerja geoteknik dan kejuruteraan awam
- Peranan ahli geologi dalam menangani isu alam sekitar abad ke 21.
- Prospek bidang geologi baru muncul di Malaysia

PROGRAM KELUARGA

Kelab Rekreasi Universiti (KRU) mempunyai kemudahan seperti padang golf 18 lubang, padang sasaran, tenis, skuash, kolam renang dan permainan *indoor* lain. Di samping kawasan kampus yang cantik, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia juga mempunyai beberapa tempat yang menarik untuk dilawati, antaranya Muzium Geologi dan Muzium Zoologi. Sekiranya diperlukan, pihak penganjur akan mengaturkan program keluarga (permainan atau lawatan) untuk peserta dan keluarga mereka semasa seminar ini.

PENGINAPAN

Peserta seminar boleh menginap sama ada di Rumah Tamu, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Hotel Metro Inn, Kajang atau Hotel Renaissance, Palm Garden, Putera Jaya. Sebagai panduan, kadar

tempat penginapan adalah seperti berikut:

Rumah Tamu Universiti	RM40 - 75
Hotel Metro Inn	RM138 - 230
Hotel Renaissance	RM335 - 520

Sila hubungi pihak penganjur sekiranya memerlukan tempat tinggal.

TARIKH GENTING

Menyatakan minat turut serta	01 Okt. 95
Menghantar Abstrak Kertaskerja	15 Okt. 95
Edaran Kedua (akhir)	15 Nov. 95

PENDAFTARAN

Yuran pendaftaran:

sebelum 15 Nov. 95	RM200.00
selepas 30 Nov. 95	RM230.00

Bayaran ini termasuk salinan kertaskerja prosiding, minuman ringan, makan tengah hari dan jamuan persidangan pada malam 13/12/95. Bayaran hendaklah dibuat secara cek berpaling atas nama "BENDAHARI, UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA". Hantarkan borang pendaftaran bersama bayaran kepada:

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Seminar Geologi Abad Ke-21:
Cabaran dan Peluang,
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Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia,
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Biogeography and Geological Evolution of SE Asia

— First Circular and Call for Papers

Flett Lecture Theatre
Natural History Museum
London

March 6-7 1996

CONVENORS

PROFESSOR ROBERT HALL
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DR. JEREMY HOLLOWAY
International Institute of Entomology, London

DR. BRIAN ROSEN
Department of Palaeontology, Natural History Museum

Sponsored by

Natural History Museum
Geological Society of London
Linnean Society
University of London SE Asia Research Group

This meeting, organised under the auspices of the Geological Society, the Linnean Society, the UCL-NHM Global Change programme, and the London University SE Asia Research Group aims to explore the links between the biogeographical and geological development of the SE Asia region. It is intended that the meeting will cross the disciplines and attract zoologists, botanists, palaeontologists and geologists who have a knowledge and interest in evolution in, and of, the region. An understanding of the tectonic development of the region could be of interest and value to biogeographers, and biogeographical data could also help in reconstructing the region and understanding some aspects of its tectonic development. Currently, few of us know much about the data available outside our own field and we aim to try to help remedy this situation through presentations followed by informal workshops. The meeting will provide an opportunity to consider how data collected in the last few years in SE Asia test current tectonic models. It will form a UK contribution to three current IGC Projects: IGCP321 *Gondwana Dispersion and Accretion*, IGCP306 *Stratigraphic Correlation in SE Asia*, and IGCP355 *Neogene Evolution of Pacific Ocean Gateways*.

PRESENTATIONS

The first day will consist of formal presentations, with two overview talks on the geology of the region by Ian Metcalfe (University of New England, Australia) on the Palaeozoic and Mesozoic history of the SE Asia region, and Robert Hall (UCL) on its Cenozoic history and possible plate tectonic reconstructions. We then intend to have a series of talks by biogeographers and palaeontologists explaining the distribution, variation and development of faunas and floras of the region. On the second day, we shall break into informal subgroups to discuss the issues raised on the first day using maps, charts and computer-based palaeogeographical reconstructions. We invite contributions on all aspects of SE Asian biogeography, as oral presentations, or as posters or informal workshop contributions.

PUBLICATION

Papers presented at the meeting are expected to be published after the meeting. Information on publication will be provided in later circulars.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A second circular will be sent to respondents to this first circular with further details of the meeting, registration details and accommodation information, in late 1995-early 1996.

ABSTRACTS

Potential participants are requested to submit abstracts on computer disks or by Email to the convenors (Email addresses are at the end of this circular). The preferred format for abstracts is Microsoft Word for Windows or Word for the Macintosh. Users of other word processors may submit abstracts as RTF files (Rich Text Format). If this is not possible, they may be submitted as ASCII text files, or on paper. 3.5" disks formatted for IBM-compatible or Macintosh computers can be accepted. Abstracts are required for oral and poster contributions. They should not exceed 500 words. The abstract may include text and diagrams. Abstracts should be submitted to the conference organisers by **November 30th 1995**.

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Metal Bulletin's 4th International Tin Conference

**27-29 March 1996
Sheraton Bal Harbour
Beach Resort
Miami, Florida, USA**

After its highly successful events in three major tin producing countries — Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia — Metal Bulletin is taking its 4th International Tin conference to one of the world's largest areas of net consumption: North America.

Metal Bulletin's 4th International Tin Conference, which will be held at the Sheraton Bal Harbour Beach Resort Hotel, Miami, Florida from March 27-29th, will focus strongly on the main areas of consumption as well as new application and substitution. North America currently uses close on 40,000 tpy of tin or around a fifth of global consumption, but has very little indigenous production.

The Americas as a whole, however, continues to be a major producer of the metal, accounting for a third of Western world output. The conference venue in Miami, therefore, is ideally located for many of the region's suppliers and consumers, although delegates from tin mining, smelting, processing, consuming and trading companies from around the globe are expected to attend this established industry event.

Issues to be discussed at the conference include:

- latest mine and smelter supply projections.
- technology, quality and the environment.
- the importance of recycling.
- tinplate and tinning.
- tin-based chemicals.
- smelter industry structure.
- the growth in output in areas such as China and Peru.
- solders and other alloys.
- new uses and the threat of substitution.

Confirmed speakers:

1. James Bruhn, executive vp, Weirton Steel Corp, USA
"Outlook for the North America tinplate market"
2. Richard Connelly, administrator, Defense National Stockpile Center, USA
"The DLA as a reliable supplier of tin"
3. Peter Tucker, Bethlehem Steel Corp, USA
"Speaking on the tinplate industry"

Metal Bulletin's 4th International Tin Conference is an opportunity to hear the views of industry experts, to meet with senior industry executives from all around the world, and to mix with a wide range of people involved in the tin industry: producers, smelters, processors, traders, consumers and investors.

Further information available from:

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AAPG/SEPM Annual Convention

— Call for Papers

==== May 19-22, 1996 ====

San Diego

The Annual Convention of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) and SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology), with AAPG's Division of Environmental Geosciences (DEG), Division of Professional Affairs (DPA), and Energy Minerals Division (EMD), will present an exciting technical program, exhibits, short courses, the International Pavilion, and a wide variety of great field trips in addition to the tourist attractions of Southern California and Baja California.

The Technical Program will be varied and will include four themes:

- Pacific Rim exploration and production
- Development geology, geophysics, and reservoir characterization
- Basin development and stratigraphy in tectonically active basins
- Hydrocarbon remediation in environmental geology

In addition to these, there are many geotechnology sessions on topics of interest to everyone, such as 3-D modeling, structural geology, new technologies, recent discoveries, sequence stratigraphy, carbonates, diagenesis, geochemistry, and much more.

The Pacific Rim sessions will be co-sponsored by the Circum-Pacific Council, and the North America Micropaleontological Society will co-sponsor a session with SEPM.

Authors are invited to submit new and original work for either oral or poster sessions outlined in this call for papers. Selection of abstracts will be based on geologic significance, application to the session topics listed, and quality.

Abstracts are due by **October 13, 1995**. Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection after December 1. Speaker and poster kits will be mailed to all presenters in December 1. Speaker and poster kits will be mailed to all presenters in December.

Oral sessions will be 20 minutes per speaker. Speakers are strongly encouraged to pay close attention to preparation of their slides, as good visuals go a long way to making a quality presentation.

For further information:

AAPG Convention Department
P.O. Box 979
Tulsa, OK 74101-0979 USA

or

AAPG Convention Department
1444 S. Boulder Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74119-3604 USA

ACXRI '96

**Asian Conference on X-Rays and Related Techniques
in Research and Industry**

June 6-8, 1996

Organised by

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FIRST CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR ABSTRACT

The modern analytical research techniques like XRD, XRF, TEM, SEM, EDX and related techniques have contributed a lot for advancement of knowledge in Materials, Solid State Physics and other fields. In recent years, there have been improvements of this technique with inclusion of software and plotting facilities to provide quick results for solution of the problems encountered. It is time to take stock of the situation and to deliberate on the recent innovation and the future trends in application of these techniques. The School of Materials and Mineral Resources Engineering at USM and Malaysian Institute for Nuclear Technology Research (MINT) are well equipped with the latest analytical tools for materials studies. Both these institutes have good experience and interaction with local industries which have fully utilized the available facilities. The well known manufacturers of these instruments worldwide are expected to represent their wares and give up-to-date information about their products.

Scope of participation

The conference is open to Material, Mineral Scientists/Engineers, Solid-State Physicists, Chemists and others who are engaged in research and utilization of these techniques.

Topics

Both theoretical and experimental aspects of these techniques for research and industrial applications is the core of this conference. The presentation on design/improvement of the equipment and modelling will also form part of the conference.

Contribution

Prospective authors are invited to submit printed abstract of about 150 words in single spacing, preferably with the diskette. In case of multiple authors the name of the person who will be presenting the paper should be underlined.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts:

31st October 1995

Authors will be notified on acceptance of their paper by **15th December 1995** and will receive instruction for preparation of manuscript.

The proceedings of the conference will be published in advance and the date for submission of the full manuscript of the papers will be communicated in the second circular.

Language =====

The official language of the Conference is English.

Conference Venue =====

Ipoh is the capital of Perak State which is well known for the production of tin and other minerals in Malaysia. The School is a part of the Engineering Campus of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and located about 35 km from Ipoh and is actively engaged in research and teaching.

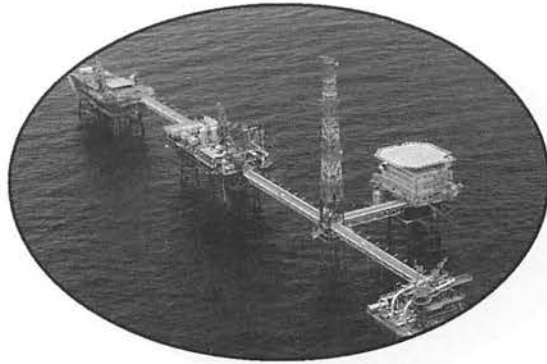
Ipoh, the Bougainville city is situated some 90 km away from the famous Pangkor Resort Island and about 120 km to Cameron Highlands. It is also centrally located between the city of Penang and Kuala Lumpur along the North-

South Express Way. Famous for its beautiful limestone caves, modern shopping complexes, Kellie's Castle, fruits, good food and entertainment. Ipoh is certainly an exiting place to stay.

Further Information =====

The Secretariat of the Asian Conference on X-Rays and Related Techniques in Research and Industry
(ACXRI '96)

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THE PERSON

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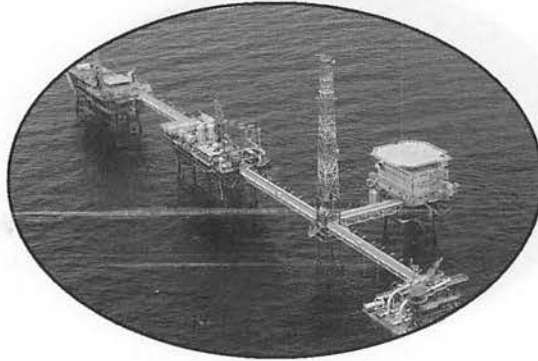
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October 16-20

LAND SUBSIDENCE — FISOL '95 (1st International Symposium), La Haye, The Netherlands. (F.H. Schröder, Netherlands Geodetic Commission, P.O. Box 5030, NL-2600 GA Delft, The Netherlands)

October 17-19

SEISMIC ZONATION (5th International Conference), Nice, France. (5th ICZS, AFPS Domaine de Saint-Paul, BP 1, 78470 Saint Remy Les Chevreuse, France. Telefax: (33-1) 30 52 75 75)

October 22-25

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS (International Conference and Exhibition), Cairo, Egypt. (AAPG Convention Department, P.O. Box 979, Tulsa, OK 74101, USA. Phone: (918) 584-2555)

October 29-31

26TH UNDERWATER MINING INSTITUTE, Newfoundland, Canada. (Ms. Karynne Chong Morgan, Underwater Mining Institute, c/o Marine Minerals Technology Center, 811 Olomehani Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5513, USA. Phone: (808) 522-5611; Fax: (808) 522-5618; Internet: 70673.534@compuserve.com • CompuServe: 70673,534)

November 4-6

GEOLOGY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ADJACENT AREAS (Joint Meeting of IGCP Projects 306, 321 & 359), Hanoi, Vietnam. (Prof. Dang Vu Khuc, Geological Museum, 6 Pham Ngu Lao, Hanoi, Vietnam. Phone: 84.4.266.802, Fax: 84.4.254.734)

November 5-9

SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS (Annual Conference), Denver, Colorado, USA. (Society of Exploration Geophysicists. Convention Assistant, P.O. Box 702740, Tulsa, OK 74170, USA)

November 6-10

CURVED OROGENIC BELTS: THEIR NATURE AND SIGNIFICANCE, Buenos Aires,

Argentina. (Dr. Jose Selles-Martinez, COB '95, Dpto. de Ciencias Geologicas, Pabellon 2 Ciudad Universitaria, 1428 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Phone: 54 1 781 8213; Telefax: 54 1 788 3439; E-mail: postmast@lpgfcf.uba.ar)

November 7-11

RIVER SEDIMENTATION (6th International Symposium), New Delhi, India, (Shri C.V.J. Varma, Central Board of Irrigation and Power, Malch Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021, India. Phone: 91 11301 5984; Telefax: 91 11301 6347; Telex: 31 66415 CBIP IN)

November 19-22

PACRIM (Congress), Auckland, New Zealand. (Mrs. Charmayne Perera, Congress Secretariat, Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, P.O. Box 122, Parkville, Vic 3052, Australia. Phone: (03) 347-3166; Telefax: (03) 347-8525; E-mail: j.mauk@auckland.ac.nz)

November 22-25

CONFERENCE ON GEOLOGY, GEOTECHNOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES OF INDOCHINA [In commemoration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Department of Geotechnology, Faculty of Technology, Khon Kaen University (KKU)], Khon Kaen, Thailand. (Assist. Prof. Ladda Wannakao, The Conference Secretariat, Department of Geotechnology, Faculty of Technology, Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen 4002, Thailand. Phone: (66-43) 242333-40 Ext. 2351-3; Fax: (66-43) 239329; E-Mail: ladda@kkul.kku.ac.th)

December 9-11

QUATERNARY DESERTS AND CLIMATIC CHANGE (JIGCP 349 Meeting), Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. (A.S. Alsharhan, Desert and Marine Resource Center, UAE University, P.O. Box 17777, Al ain United Arab Emirates. Phone: 971 3 638 150; Telefax: 971 3 620486)

December 13-14

SEMINAR GEOLOGI ABAD KE-21: CABARAN DAN PELUANG, Bangi, Malaysia. (Setiausaha, Seminar Geologi Abad Ke-21: Cabaran dan Peluang, d/a Jabatan Geologi, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 43600 Bangi,

Selangor D.E. Tel: 03-8292392/3; Fax: 03-8292490; Email: hbm@pkriscc.ck.ukm.my.)

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CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING, METALLURGY AND PETROLEUM, (98th Annual General Meeting), Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. (John Gaydos, Meetings Manager, Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, 1 Place Alexis Nihon, 1210-3400 de maison neuve Boulevard West, Montreal, Quebec H3S 3B8, Canada. Phone: (514) 939-2710; Telefax: (514) 939-2714)

GEOSTATISTICS (5th International Congress). Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia. (Géostatistique de l'École des Mines de Paris, 35 rue Saint Honoré, 77305 Fontainebleau, France. Phone: (1) 64 69 47 04; Telefax: (1) 64 69 47 05)

February 19-23

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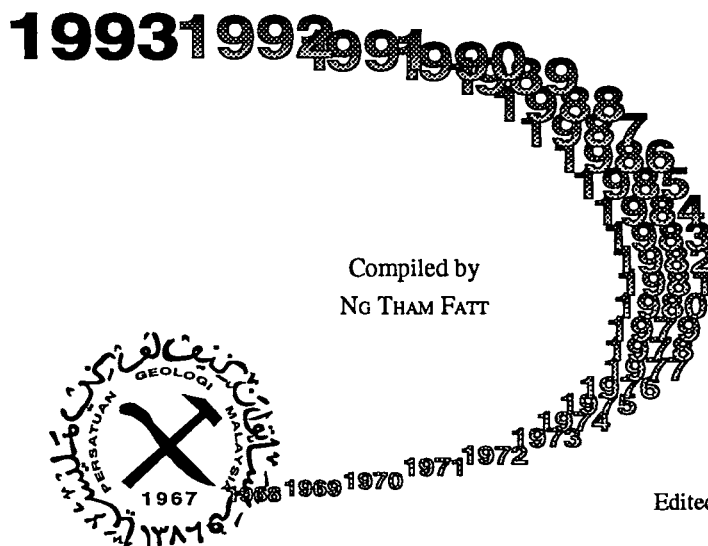
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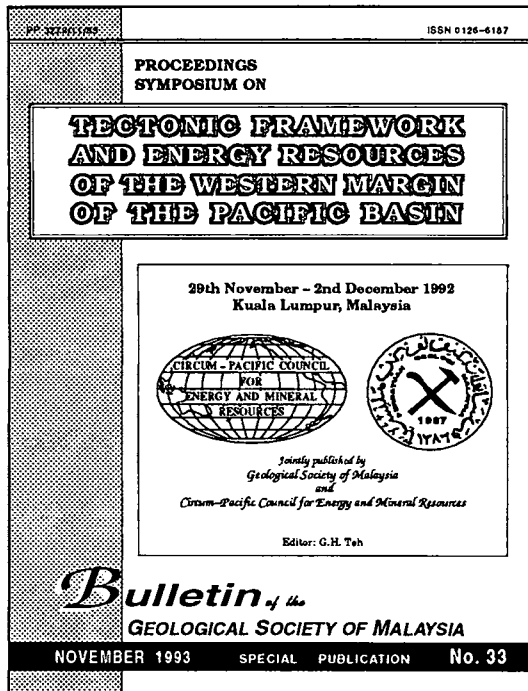
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