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ABSTRACT

Landslide is a consistent hazard in mountainous terrain, especially in seismically active areas and regions of high rainfall (tropical regions). The key goal of landslide hazard analysis is to observe the location, intensity (magnitude), and occurrence time (prediction) of landslide. Assessment of landslide hazard and future sensitivity prediction are at the infancy level because of the lack of temporal datasets and efficient modelling techniques. Due to the complex nature of landslides, several modeling methods have been applied for the assessment of landslide hazard. This study developed a hybrid modeling approach named weight of evidence based convolutional neural network (WOECNN) using two models, machine learning model which is convolutional neural networks (CNN) and weight of evidence (WOE) technique of bivariate statistical model. In this study the hybrid model was utilized for generating landslide hazard index (LHI) and sensitivity prediction for future using spatio-temporal data (3D). Two study areas having with environmental and physical conditions including seismo-tectonically active region of Sg. Mesilau, Kundasang, Sabah and Gombak Selangor, were selected for this study. The spatial dataset initially constructed landslide inventory maps for these two sample areas through virtual mapping technique. 21 landslide-causative factors which included slope angle, aspect, altitude, TWI, SPI, TST, TSC, TSConv, soil, lithology, land use, rainfall, seismicity and distance to roads, rivers, roads, and faults were derived from different sources including Airborne Laser Altimetry (ALS) data. These results were validated using receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve. The area under curve (AUC) of ROC for the landslide hazard index of Sg. Mesilau, Kundasang with respect to different scenarios illustrated that there were variations in between the AUC values for all three scenarios. The AUC value of LHI with maximum parameters was higher (0.82) than the other scenarios as it had less parameters based on priority ranking. While in the Gombak Selangor area the situation was reverse as the AUC values were showed an increasing trend with a decrease in the parameters. The highest AUC value (0.89) was obtained with minimum parameters. Moreover, results of sensitivity prediction (0.86) for Quartz Ridge, Selangor area revealed that the greater part of study was within the range of medium to low hazard. In general, the variation of validation results for landslide hazard assessment in both areas depicted the importance of parameters selection. Based on results, the hybrid models can perform better than the individual models. The present study indicates that WOECNN has performed more efficiently for sensitivity prediction as compared to the individual models.

ABSTRAK

Tanah runtuh merupakan situasi berbahaya yang konsisten di kawasan aktif secara seismic di pergunungan dan kawasan kepadatan hujan tinggi (wilayah tropika). Matlamat utama analisis risiko bahaya tanah runtuh adalah untuk melihat lokasi, intensiti (magnitud), dan masa berlakunya (ramalan) tanah runtuh. Penilaian berbahaya tanah runtuh dan ramalan kepekaan masa depan berada pada peringkat awal kerana kekurangan data temporal dan teknik pemodelan yang cekap. Disebabkan sifat tanah runtuh yang kompleks, beberapa kaedah pemodelan telah digunakan untuk penilaian bahaya tanah longsor. Kajian ini menghasilkan pendekatan pemodelan hibrid yang dinamakan konvolusi rangkaian neural berasaskan pemberat bukti (WOECNN) dengan menggunakan dua model, model pembelajaran mesin yang merupakan rangkaian neural konvensional (CNN) dan teknik pemberatan bukti (WOE) daripada teknik model statistik dwiperubah. Dalam kajian ini, model hibrid telah digunakan untuk menghasilkan indeks bahaya tanah runtuh (LHI) dan ramalan kepekaan untuk masa depan menggunakan data ruang masa (3D). Dua kawasan kajian yang mempunyai keadaan alam sekitar dan fizikal termasuk wilayah aktif seismik-tektonik Sg. Mesilau, Kundasang, Sabah dan Gombak Selangor, Selangor dipilih untuk kajian ini. Dataset ruang pada mulanya dibina peta inventori tanah runtuh untuk kedua-dua kawasan sampel melalui teknik pemetaan maya. 21 faktor penyebab tanah runtuh termasuk sudut cerun, aspek, ketinggian, TWI, SPI, TST, TSC, TSConv, tanah, litologi, penggunaan tanah, hujan, seismik dan jarak ke jalan raya, sungai, jalan raya dan gelinciran telah diperoleh dari sumber yang berbeza termasuk data Altimetri Laser Udara (ALS). Keputusan ini telah disahkan menggunakan lenkung ciri operasi penerima (ROC). Kawasan di bawah lengkung (AUC) daripada ROC untuk indeks bahaya tanah runtuh Sg. Mesilau, Kundasang berhubung dengan daripada senario yang berbeza menggambarkan bahawa terdapat variasi di antara nilai AUC untuk ketiga-tiga senario ini. Nilai AUC LHI dengan parameter maksimum adalah lebih tinggi (0.82) daripada senario yang lain kerana parameternya kurang berdasarkan kedudukan utama. Manakala di kawasan batas kuarza Gombak Selangor, keadaan itu berlaku sebaliknya kerana nilai AUC menunjukkan trend yang semakin meningkat dengan penurunan parameter. Nilai AUC tertinggi (0.89) diperoleh dengan parameter minimum. Selain itu, hasil ramalan sensitiviti (0.86) untuk kawasan batas kuarza, Selangor mendedahkan bahawa sebahagian besar kajian berada dalam lingkungan bahaya sederhana hingga rendah. Secara umumnya, variasi keputusan pengesahan untuk penilaian bahaya tanah runtuh di kedua-dua kawasan menggambarkan kepentingan pemilihan parameter. Berdasarkan keputusan, model hibrid adalah lebih baik daripada model individu. Kajian ini menunjukkan bahawa WOECNN lebih cekap untuk ramalan kepekaan dibandingkan dengan model individu.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AHP	-	Analytic Hierarchy Process
AI	-	Artificial Intelligence
ALS	-	Airborne Laser Scanning
ANN	-	Artificial Neural Network
AUC	-	Area Under Curve
CNN	-	Convolutional Neural Network
CSV	-	Comma-separated Values
dSLAM	-	Dynamic Slope Stability Model
DSM	-	Digital Surface Model
DT	-	Decision Tree
DTM	-	Digital Terrain Model
DTs	-	Decision Trees
FC	-	Fully Connected
GIS	-	Geographic Information System
GPS	-	Global Positioning System
GQDM	-	Generalized Quasi Dynamic Model
GUI	-	Graphical User Interface
HI	-	Hazard Index
InSAR	-	Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar
JMG	-	Jabatan Mineral Dan Geosains Malaysia
JUPEM	-	Jabatan Ukur dan Pemetaan Malaysia
LAPSUS	-	Landscape Process Modelling at Multidimensions and Scales
LHI	-	Landslide Hazard Index
LiDAR	-	Light Detection and Ranging
LIM	-	Landslide Inventory Mapping
LR	-	Logistic Regression
LULC	-	Land Use Land Cover
ML	-	Machine Learning
MLR	-	Multiple Logistic Regression

NDMIDIR	-	Normalized Difference of Mid-InfraRed		
NDVI	-	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index		
OOB	-	Out of Bag		
PCs	-	Principal Components		
ReLU	-	Rectified Linear Unit		
RF	-	Random Forest		
ROC	-	Receiver Operating Characteristic		
RS	-	Remote Sensing		
SAM	-	Spectral Angel Mapper		
SINMAP	-	Stability Index Map		
SLIDE	-	Slope Infiltration Distributed Equilibrium		
SLIP	-	Shallow Landslide Instability Prediction		
SRC	-	Success Rate Curve		
STI	-	Sediment Transport Index		
SVM	-	Support Vector Machine		
TIN	-	Triangular Irregular Networks		
TRI	-	Terrain Ruggedness Index		
TRIGRS	-	Transient Rainfall Infiltration and Grid-based Regional Slope		
		Stability Model		
TRMM	-	Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission		
TSC	-	Terrain Surface Classification		
TST	-	Terrain Surface Texture		
TWI	-	Topographic Wetness Index		
UNESCO	-	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural		
		Organization		
WOE	-	Weight of Evidence		
WOECNN	-	Weight of Evidence Based Convolutional Neural Network		

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Problem Background

Geophysical hazard refers to the naturally occurred event, incidence or phenomenon which effect the human and environment negatively. It includes geological, geomorphological and metrological phenomenon's, i.e. landslides, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, tornadoes, severe storms, droughts etc. (Strupler *et al.*, 2018). These are abrupt and unforeseen events which cause the disturbance in the balance of landscape and environment.

Currently, the world is threatened with a precipitously growing impact of geophysical hazards, which caused not only increase in the exposure but also increase in hazardous events. Every year several deaths have been recorded due to geophysical disasters all over the world especially in developing countries (Zorn, 2018). In developing countries, the probable impacts of hazardous incidents are huge as compare to developed countries. The impact of natural disasters on developing and developed countries can be judged by the fact that in the USA more or less 246 thousand deaths were recorded in the last ten years (2006-2015) while almost 113 million people were recorded as affective. In UK only around 800 deaths and some of 400 thousand of casualties were recorded for the same time period (EM-DATE, 2014). On the other hand, in Asia the highest loss of life and casualty rate is recorded, which is around 4 million deaths and more than one billion victims were recorded in the last ten years (2006-2015), (World Disaster Report, 2016).

Natural disasters and their consequences have considerable effects on human life, properties, infrastructure and environment. The important most natural hazard

among these is landslide, which play vital role in these effects all over the world. Landslides is a regular hazard of mountainous terrain, particularly in active seismic regions of and high rainfall (tropics) areas. Among all the natural calamities landslides have substantial accountability for injury, life loss and property damage in mountainous regions around the world. Beside this it also has positive effects like form landforms and transport sediments and wood to streams.

The activation of landslide depends on both endogenic (igneous process and tectonic process) and exogenic (gradational process) forces. It is a rock or soil movement towards down along slope due to gravitational force when it loses its connectivity with the base. Although landslide is a natural hazard, but it can also accelerate due to human activities (e.g. construction, absence of vegetation cover, use of irrational farming technology, etc.). Usually it occurs at steep gradient but could also happen in areas having low relief based on its climatic, topographical, and geological conditions. Landslide is a regular event of tropical areas and is liable for critical fatalities and monetary losses. That's why the assessment of landslide hazard on local scale as well as on regional scale is gaining much importance in recent years (Aydin and Eker, 2016).

Changes in the natural environment may affect environmental negatively. In the last century, the mountain landscapes have experienced significant transformations all over the world. Natural and anthropogenic changes, climate changes, tourism and industrial development, socio-economic interactions, and their consequences in terms of land use and land cover changes (LUCC) have directly influenced the spatial organization and vulnerability of mountain landscapes. Land use change (e.g. deforestation) can influence and disturb the vegetation cover and stability of water level which ultimately cause in an increase in erosion (Glade, 2003; Ghimire *et al.*, 2013). The ultimate result of this change is intense environmental risk, i.e. landslide incidence, which may leave a solid impact on the human wellbeing with greater scale (Tasser *et al.*, 2003; Koʻrner *et al.*, 2005; Papathoma-Koʻhle and Glade, 2013). Studying the change in nature due to human-environment interactions is thus crucial (Rounsevell *et al.*, 2006). In the steep mountainous areas of tropics, the occurrence of landslides is more frequent due to high humidity, intensive rainfall, unstable soil and morphology. Moreover, being in tropical region, the hilly landscape in Malaysia, especially the eastern peninsula (Borneo) is extremely susceptible to landslide hazard due to active tectonic movement and intense rainfall. Rainfall-activated landslides is the common most type of landslide, occurring all over the mountains and foothills of western peninsula of Malaysia, while in eastern peninsula seismicity is contributing side by side with rainfall. Likely to assess the landslide hazard time data is obvious. It could be defined as the likelihood of landslide occurrence for a given region or area (X, Y) over time. Without including third dimension (time), it is not possible to assess the hazard but only susceptibility.

Carrying out a hazard evaluation of landslide needs both a spatial as well as temporal (3D) database. Nevertheless, most of the hazard maps for landslide presents only the susceptibility zoning (spatial likelihood) without utilizing the temporal information regarding that particular hazard. Among these one of the major problems while assessing temporal possibility of landslides lies in recognizing the frequency and magnitude relationship since historic landslide archives are not complete. Although, despite scarcity in data, there is immense need to address the recent incidences of landslides which might be connected to triggering events (e.g. earthquake, rainfall).

Numerous landslide hazard assessment models are mentioned in literature which can be grouped into direct methods (geomorphological and heuristic) and indirect (statistical and mechanistic approach) methods (Pardeshi, Autade and Pardeshi, 2013; Van Westen *et al.*, 2006). Usually the direct methods (knowledge driven/ qualitative) is dependent on the skills, experience and knowledge of the expert preparing the map. While the indirect methods or statistical modelling approach (data driven/ quantitative) are included multivariate and bivariate statistical models. The featured concept of statistical modelling is that, "the past is key to the future", that's why the historical landslide inventory and its causal associations can help to forecast future scenarios (Van Westen, Castellanos and Kuriakose, 2008). Conversely, data mining models (machine learning) such as decision tree (DT)

random forest (RF), and support vector machine (SVM), gained the popularity among different geoscience applications for their great prediction ability (Wu *et al.*, 2013).

Scenario preparation for future along with probability model is a valuable tool for probing forthcoming consequences towards environmental change. Scenarios are impressions of likely futures (Abildtrup *et al.*, 2006). The visualization of these landslide scenarios can effectively contribute to the awareness of ultimate problems which may cause trouble in future (Promper *et al.*, 2014). Thus, the results of such analyses might support the enhancement of future adaption and management strategies. These results encourage the creativity and support to develop a vision and strategy for a safe future. While scenarios might provide assistance to prepare for expected inconvenient future expansions by disturbing the well-known planning pattern (Wollenberg *et al.*, 2000). They propose possibilities to assess the existing response options, while consulting decision makers as part of game (Shearer, 2005; Kriegler *et al.*, 2012).

Imageries are the ideal tool for inventory mapping and hazard assessment, since it offers information over large areas with short time intervals. Remote sensing (RS) techniques experienced speedy and important developments in last few epochs. The competence of advance and boosted remote sensing methods to obtain 2.5D spatial data (X, Y + elevation) along with high precision contours allows innovative and successful enquiries about landslide incidents. The data obtained from multi-sensors accompanied with airborne as well as ground-based allows to provide valuable knowledge for training the model, result validation and creating simulations of natural phenomena's (Scaioni *et al.*, 2014). Amongst these technologies, the light detection and ranging (LiDAR) and laser interferometric synthetic aperture radar (InSAR) are widely used for landslide studies in last few decades. Unlike conventional approaches, these are fast and precise mapping techniques for hydrological, geomorphological and LULC etc. (Hervás *et al.*, 2003; Ardizzone *et al.*, 2007; Guzzetti *et al.*, 2012; Roering *et al.*, 2013; Daehne and Corsini, 2013).

The advent of remote sensing (RS) and geographical information systems (GISs) played vital role in the appliance and addition of numerous algorithms, methods and models in landslide research. Moreover, by determining and mitigating failures new visions into landslide studies have been exposed via these techniques. In spite RS and GIS, extended field knowledge, multiple expert's knowledge along with considerable budget, are mandatory to detect landslide prone sites (Van Westen *et al.*, 2006, 2008). Although the RS data may be used in several other stages of calamity management, for instance prevention, preparedness, relief, and reconstruction but in fact till todate it is generally utilized for monitoring and warning system. Therefore, hazard assessment can only be carried out effectively when it consist of widespread, multidisciplinary studies based on spatial information, derived from sensors and other sources. This study is concentrating on 3D (2D space + Time) hazard assessment for landslide using novel hybrid model (bivariate statistical model and machine learning techniques).

1.2 Research Problem

Landslide is a natural phenomenon but could turn into hazard and may cause either life losses or damage to structures including man-made as well as natural. The casualties and economic losses caused by landslides are greater than any other natural disaster in many countries. Landslide is a significant geo-hazard which causes impairment to social and natural environment (Pardeshi *et al.*, 2013). Brabb (1993) mentioned that around 90% of losses due to landslide could be avoided if the issue is identified before event. Landslide mapping, evaluation, assessment and prediction is a crucial step for disaster resilience especially in tropical regions, which are more prone to this disaster due to its climatic conditions. Hence, landslide hazard assessment at various spatial scales is important.

• Due to the wide range of uncertainties in data procurement, management, model selection and standardization, and to the complexity and exposure of modern societies, landslide mapping, hazard evaluation, and risk assessment seems to be out of the reach of traditional puzzle-solving scientific methods, based on controlled experiments and on a very generalized consensus amongst experts. These challenging problems may be solved by a new scientific practice which could be capable to handle large uncertainties, fluctuating expert views, and societal issues elevated by hazard assessment and risk evaluation researches (Guzzetti *et al.*, 1999). With this context, expended efforts are required to formulate new or combination (hybrid) of old methods and models for landslide mapping, susceptibility zoning and hazard assessment. It could be better documented and more efficient or "technical". However additional efforts are required to transfer this scientific information regarding landslides and the related hazards and risk authorities involved with planning regulations, civil defense plans and building codes. In Malaysia landslides are the biggest threat to settlements, infrastructure and tourism industry in hilly areas (Pradhan *et al.*, 2010) because of its loose morphology, excessive rain and hot and moist climate. Seismic acceleration is also a major factor in eastern part (Borneo island) of Malaysia.

- To study the landslides, it is necessary to have understanding with its varied types, the causal factors and involving aspects, especially in more vulnerable locations. Landslide hazard investigation is the basic component of landslide risk management. Numerous techniques and models of landslide hazard assessment are in practice including heuristic (knowledge driven methods), semi-quantitative, quantitative (data driven methods), and machine learning (ML) etc. There is a long debate of researchers on Landslide hazard assessment methods however, there is no method universally accepted by a known team of researches for assessment of landslide hazards in terms of high accuracy (Pardeshi, 2013).
- The hazard assessment considers the triggering factor and temporal data. There is a variety of triggering factors which have strong connection with the activation of landslide but the most important ones according to literature are earthquake and rainfall. Anthropogenic triggering factors are also quite influential in this regard (e.g., water level change, fluvial erosion, change in vegetation cover (LULC) and human activities (Construction of roads,

buildings etc.). Validating hazard map is a crucial step in landslide modelling, without it hazard maps are not reliable. There are several procedures for validation of susceptibility and hazard models are presented, so that the obtained results can be interpreted meaningfully with respect to future landslide occurrence and the significance of the predictions can be communicated to decision makers allowing them to perform sound planning for land use and landslide crisis management. In the case of landslide inventory mapping not only accuracy assessment and validation, but also the updating of the landslide inventory is important.

• Projection of hazard for future is an emerging concept in the field of geohazard all over the world. Hazard prediction fundamentally depends on the understanding of interplay of relevant determining factors (both predisposing and triggering) and their selective combinations for causing different slide types. Such understanding of landslide process forms on the basis of preparation of 3D spatio-temporal land slide inventory (Ghosh, 2014). In developing countries due to non-availability of temporal data of events, future projection is still at its infancy. In Malaysia, like other developing countries there is no database for historical landslide events except a few which gathered from different news reports of Mineral and Geoscience Department, Malaysia. Moreover, for future prediction temporal data of triggering factors e.g. rainfall and earthquake have equal importance as landslide events. The missing of any single database effects the accuracy of prediction because of which future prediction is very difficult to model. This research is incorporating ML technique for future modeling to fill the gap.

1.3 Research Questions

The research will address the following questions:

Which characteristics need to investigate to prepare a landslide inventory?

- What types of mass movement (topple, creep, debris flow, rock fall etc.) exists?
- What is the size, activity, type and dimension of each particular landslide?
- How to prepare multi temporal land slide inventories?

How to quantify the parameters, and which could be suitable models for computation of landslide hazard (type, magnitude and time) and validation on local scale?

- Which ground consequences (structural/ geological/ landuse) can play vital role in the emergence of landslide hazards (spatial query)?
- Which geomorphometric (relief, slope, aspect etc.) factors may play additional role to increase the intensity of damage many folds caused by a landslide (spatial query)?
- Which triggering factors (seismological/ hydrological/ Metrological) play important role in the activation of a landslide?
- Which model can efficiently assess the landslide hazard index using spatiotemporal data set?
- Which method could be used for validation of landslide hazard index (LHI) maps.
- Which predisposing parameters are important to assess the landslide hazard index (LHI) in that region.

What kind of data and technics could be used in future modelling of landslide hazard for future planning?

- Which dynamics (temporal data) could be considered for future scenario building?
- How time can affect the process and which technique/ models can efficiently project the landslide hazard index in future?

• What is the likelihood of occurrence of a particular landslide type with in a given time period?

1.4 Research Objectives

The key goal of this study is to design a hybrid model to assess the spatiotemporal probability and sensitivity prediction for landslide hazard in the densely vegetated tropical environment which might be helpful in decision making process about land use policies and disaster risk reduction.

Accordingly, the objectives of the study are:

- To investigate, identify and map the physical extent series of existing landslides, their type, intensity and frequency based on remotely sensed data, historical records and field verifications/ observation on local scale.
- To design the model to assess and validate the 3D landslide hazard and sensitivity prediction based on important predisposing parameters
- To evaluate different landslide hazard scenarios to find the future threats based on importance predisposing/ conditioning factor and validation through quantification of the model.
- To highlight the landslide, hazard sensitive areas by modelling spatiotemporal prediction for future.

1.5 Scope of the Study

This research is focused on modeling 3D landslide hazard sensitivity prediction. The scope of the study is limited to two different areas including S.g Mesilau valley, Kundasang in district Ranau, Sabah and Gombak Selangor Quartz Ridge in Selangor. The area of S.g Mesilau valley, Kundasang, is located in the state of Sabah. The area has a rural environment and the land is dominantly under agriculture as basic activity. The whole region lies under high rainfall intensity. The area is also cherecterized by active seismo-tectonic activity as it lays in the foothills of Mount Kinabalu. While the Gombak Selangor Quartz Ridge area lies in Selangor state. This study area has urban environment with rapid developments and high intensity of rainfall as well. Though the area has no history of seismic activity. The study utilized spatio-temporal data including past landslide location data with attribute together with date of incident and cumulative rainfall data. The seismic magnitude and rainfall intensity were used as triggering factor for hazard assessment. To assess the future sensitive areas for landslide hazard the previous spatio-temporal database was used side by side with forecast data of rainfall. In this study, the predisposing factors which may contribute to the landslide and other mass movements such as geological, geomorphological, hydro-topographical, and anthropogenic factors were utilized to calculate landslide hazard index (LHI) using data driven approach.

1.6 Significance of Study

Landslide is the movement of mass of rock, debris or earth (soil) down a slope under the influence of gravity. Although Malaysia is not a precipitous country (mountains and hills are less than 25% of the terrain), slope failures/landslides are a frequently happened. From 1993-2011, around 28 major landslides were reported in Malaysia with a total loss of more than 100 lives. Moreover, from 1973-2007, the total economic loss due to landslides in Malaysia was estimated about US \$1 billion. The collapsed of the 14-storey block A of the Highland Tower in Ulu Klang, Selangor was the most tragic landslide at numbers site in hillside development in Malaysia are rainfall, storm water activities and poor slope management. Another cause of landslides can be due to the abuse prescriptive methods, inadequate study of past failures, design errors including insufficient site-specific ground investigation. Besides, the development of highland or hilly terrain has increased developed and many hills project are in the pipeline. All this factor together contributes to landslide disaster in this country. An impact of landslides in Malaysia has given rise to some

environmental and socioeconomic issues such as loss of lives, damaged of properties and infrastructures, psychological pressures among the victims, disputes on land boundaries and also land degradation. Therefore, planning, design, construction and maintenance are very critical to achieve a safe and cost-effective hill-site development.

This study provides the understanding of relationship between rainfall amount and duration along with conditioning parameters that possesses the possibility to trigger a landslide. Since both areas have high landslide intensity thus, it is necessary to develop an empirical rainfall threshold to predict the landslide event.

1.7 Thesis Outline

This thesis is structured into five chapters as follows:

Chapter 1 includes the background of the study and the key challenges. The specific objectives of the study and Research questions are also the part of the chapter. The thesis outline structure is also elaborated.

Chapter 2 presents the literature review on landslides. This chapter describes definitions, classification of landslides, factors affecting landslides, tools to predict landslides such as remote sensing, Geographic Information Services (GIS), landslide inventory, susceptibility and hazard modelling.

Chapter 3 is about research methodology. It explains the study areas in different physical environments: i) Intermediate channel of River Mesilau, Kundasang, Saba, a rural area with active seismo-tectonic conditions ii) Gombak Selangor Quartz Ridge with grater urban expansion on critical slopes. The chapter also describes the methodology and models applied in this study.

Chapter 4 describes the data and initial outcomes in form of landslide inventories. This chapter also describes parameterization and factor importance ranking of predisposing factors.

Chapter 5 presents the results and discussion i.e.

- Landslide hazard Assessment results and its validation.
- Landslide hazard scenarios according to factor importance
- Landslide hazard future prediction which could be used efficiently in monitoring and early warning system.

Chapter 6 consists of conclusions and recommendations. This chapter discussed the very high and high landslide hazard occupies of the total study area based on the models and determining how to use this for monitoring and early warning system of landslide hazard caused by earthquake and rainfall based on community participation uses the danger level of rainfall. This chapter will also give some recommendation about areas having very high and high hazard and the prevention as well as mitigation efforts, especially related to land use directive must be continuously disseminated to the public.

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