Seminar on Soil Sub-grade Stabilization

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Chemilink Stabilization Technologies for Roads & Airfields

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1. Introduction

- * Conventional pavement construction methods cannot commonly meet the latest requirements. Stronger pavements with bounded materials have to be used for heavier loadings with higher frequency
- * New construction methods such as "floating" semi-rigid platform have to used for pavement over the weak soil region
- ***** Local soils have to be used for the regions lacking of the quarries and for environment protection
- * Faster construction method is always top important for airfields, especially for the airports under operations
- In-situ soil stabilization is an proven solution with overall cost effectiveness



1. Introduction

Key Advantages of Chemical Stabilization:

- ***** Higher strength to meet for different requirement
- **❖** Better volume stability, lower permeability and longer durability
- **❖** Forms a semi-rigid platform so as to deliver a lot of engineering benefits
- Most soils or construction wastes can be chemically stabilized
- **Simple and fast construction**



Chemical-Soil Stabilization –

Mixing proper chemicals with in-situ soils to improve/strengthen the soil properties through chemical reactions for engineering purposes

Common Chemical Reaction involved:

***** Cementation

Precipitation Polymerisation

***** Hydration

Oxidation

❖ Ion exchange

***** Carbonation

***** Flocculation





Commonly Used Chemical Stabilizing Agents:

- ***** Cement
- ***** Lime
- ***** Bituminous Materials
- Fly-ash
- **❖** Modified Cementitious Chemical Chemilink
- **❖** Liquid form Stabilizing Agents





2-1 Cement

❖ Generally, it is effective for granular soils but ineffective for cohesive soils

Applicable ranges:

1) Liquid Limit: <40-45%

2) Plastic Limit: <18-20%

3) Coefficient of Uniformity: >5-10

4) Grain Size Distribution



2-1 Cement

- ***** Advantages:
 - 1) Low cost
 - 2) Simple construction
- **Disadvantages:**
 - 1) Serious shrinkage
 - 2) Limited ranges of application
 - 3) Unsuitable for high in-situ moisture content





2-2 Lime

- **❖** Suitable for clayey soil
- **Used for sub-grade and sub-base or other pavement layers with lower bearing capacity requirements.**
- **❖** Frequently used as a preparative measure for subsequent treatment with other chemical stabilization





2-2 Lime

- ***** Advantages:
 - 1) Reducing the plasticity index,
 - 2) Decreasing the clay content substantially
 - 3) Accelerating the breaking up of clay clods during mixing
 - 4) Drying out the water from wet soils
 - 5) Reducing the shrinkage and swelling
- **Disadvantages:**
 - 1) Low Durability
 - 2) Lower strength increment compared with cement stabilization



- 2-3 Other Chemical Agents --Bituminous Materials
 - can be used to construct base courses, sometimes to form surface courses
 - **Advantage:**
 - -- Waterproof → maintain low moisture content
 - **Disadvantages:**
 - -- High cost
 - -- Causing Pollution



- 2-3 Other Chemical Agents –Fly-ash
 - **❖** by-product of power plants fuelled by pulverized coal
 - * reacts with Lime in the presence of water, setting and hardening similarly to hydraulic binder
 - ***** often used with Lime to stabilize the soils



2-4 Modified Cementitious Chemical

- Chemilink Stabilizing Series Products
 - polymer modified cementitious chemical agent in fine powder form
 - designed for soil stabilization especially for sandy and clayey soils under tropical conditions and environment
 - ❖ have been tried, verified and widely applied in South East Asia Countries and China Since 1994



2-4 Chemilink Stabilizing Series Products

Basic Functions:

- **❖** To increase and maintain the soaking strengths
- **❖** To form a semi-rigid platform
- **❖** To decrease the permeability and compressibility
- **To improve the long-term performance**



2-4 Chemilink Stabilizing Series Products

Special Functions:

- ***** Wider application ranges for different soils
- ***** Faster chemical reaction for higher initial strengths
- **❖** Breaking up of clay clods for applying to wider soil range
- **Quickly drying out of the water from the wet soils**
- **❖** Water retention and shrinkage compensation against cracks
- **❖** Semi-waterproofing



2-5 Liquid Form Stabilizing Agents

- generally for non-bearing purposes, such as dust control
- **❖** A chemical-base agent is often designed for a specific soil type
- **❖** Limited solid content and limited applicable soil ranges
- **❖** Ineffective in soaking strengths/stabilities
- ***** Making compactions more difficult for wet soils
- **❖** Poor Durability



3 -1. Materials Design

Key Component – Dosage Design

Design Criteria includes:

- 1) Strength
 - **UCS** (Unconfined Compressive Strength)
 - **❖** CBR (California Bearing Ratio)
 - **❖** MR (Resilient Modulus)
- 2) Durability
 - ***** Dry-wet cycle
 - ***** Hot-cold cycle



3 -1. Materials Design

General Guideline

Sub-base Course:

CBR \geq 30%; and/or UCS \geq 0.7-1.5 MPa

***** Base Course:

 $CBR \ge 80-90\%$, and/or $UCS \ge 2MPa$



	<u> </u>				
Country	Curing Time (day)	Curing Condition	UCS (MPa)	Road Grade / Function	Remarks
Australia	7	-	3.0	-	
Brunei	7	Wet-air: 6d Soaking: 1d	2.0 0.7 ~ 1.5	All/Base All/Sub-base	Or per design
Canada	7	Soaking	2.1	-	_
China.	7	Wet-air: 6d Soaking: 1d	3.0 ~4.0 2.0 ~ 3.0 2.0 1.5	High/Base Low/Base High/Sub-base Low/Sub-base	UCS=5.6 for high road grade with more or very heavy loading
Ex-SU	28	Soaking	7.5 6.0 4.0 2.0	Highest/Base High/Base Low/Base All/Sub-base	
France	7	-	4.0 ~5.0 1.5	M./Base M./Sub-base	M. – Medium
Germany	-	-	3.0 ~ 10.0	-	
Japan	7	Wet-air: 6d Soaking: 1d	3.0 ~ 4.0 2.5 1.5 ~ 2.0 0.7 ~ 1.3	Highest/Base High/base Low/base All/Sub-base	
New Zealand	7	-	1.72	-	
Spain	7	-	6.0 2.5	All/Base All/Sub-base	
UK	7	-	4.5 ~ 15.5	-	
California Washington - US	7	Wet-air -	5.2 5.8	-	

Table 1. Design requirements on UCS for Cement Stabilized Soils in various countries



3-2. Application Method of Chemical Stablization

3-2-1 In-situ Recycling Method



Mechanical Spreading



Manual Spreading



Mixing by Stabilizer



Mixing by Rotorvator



Compaction 1



Compaction 2



3-2. Application Method of Chemical Stabilization

3-2-2 Central-Plant Mixing Method





Central Mixing Plant and the Mixture after Compaction





Family of SS-108 Sub-series

There are several products from SS-108 Sub-series targeting for different usage/requirements

- **❖ Normal Road (Urban Road/City Road)**
- Low Cost Road (Rural Road/Access Road)
- **❖** High Profile (Highway/Airway)

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4. Case Studies of Chemilink Stabilization/Recycling

4-1. Brunei First Trial Project (1995)

- **❖** Base Course In-situ clayey soils stabilized by Chemilink SS-108
- **❖** Sub-Base Course Silty soils stabilized by Chemilink SS-108

M/P Test		Plate Loading Test			In-Situ CBR Test (%)	UCS Test (MPa)
No. of Blows	Depth of Penetration (mm)	Peak Pressure (MPa)	Settlement Recorded (mm)	Modulus Of S/R, K (MPa/m)		
300	6.3	1.72	7.44	522.62 (Max. 812.48)	100 (Max. 129)	2.04 (Max. 2.67)

1) M/P Test

- Dynamic Mackintosh Probe Test
- 2) Modulus of S/R
- The Modulus of Sub-grade Reaction

3) UCS Test

- Unconfined Compressive Strength Test

Table 2. Average Testing Data for Brunei Trial Project



4-1. Brunei First Trial Project (1995)



a) Stabilized Samples



b) Stabilized Road (on the left) vs. Old Road



c) Stabilized Surface after 10 Years

Photo 1. First Chemilink Trial Project in Brunei

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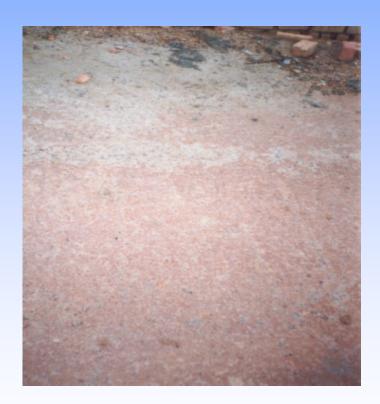
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4-2. Malaysia Trial Project (1995)

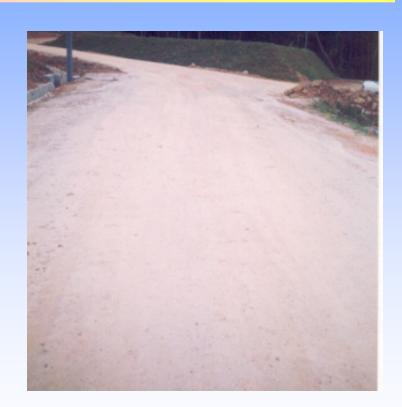
- **❖** Organized by federal Public Work Department (JKR) and its research institute (IKRAM)
- **❖** Located at Alor Gajah, Melaka
- ❖ Base Course In-situ clayey soils stabilized by Chemilink SS-108
- ❖ Sub-Base Course In-situ clayey soils stabilized by Chemilink SS-108
- **❖** Construction Method Simple way of in-situ mixing
- **CBR** (4-day, soaking) >110%



4-2. Malaysia Trial Project (1995)



a) Road Surface



b) Stabilized Road

Photo 2. Malaysia Trial Porject (taken after 1 year)



4-3. Shipyard Project (Indonesia, 1997)

Construction Speed - 8,000m²/day/team (300mm deep)





a) Manual Spreading and Mechanical Mixing

b) Compaction

Photo 3. Chemilink Stabilization in Progress for Indonesia Shipyard Project



4-4. Junjungan Road Project (Brunei, 1998)

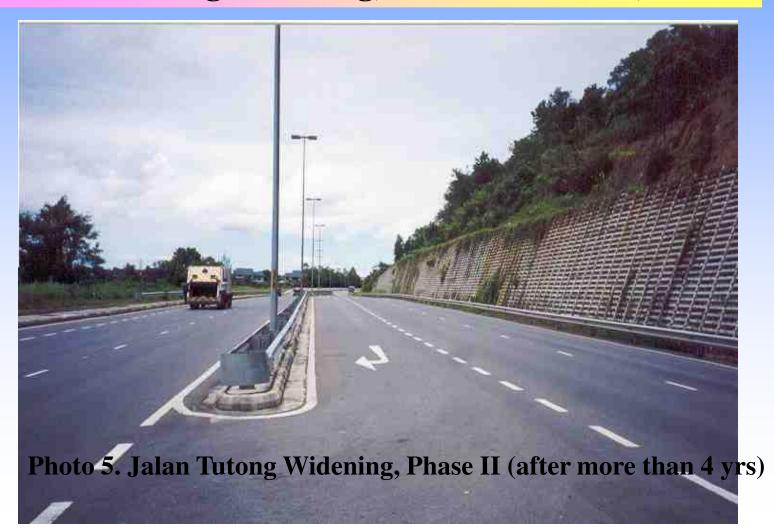
Chemilink stabilization has a similar immediate cost with that of conventional design but has superior quality and durability with less road maintenance.



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4. Case Studies of Chemilink Stabilization/Recycling

4-5. Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase II (Brunei, 1998)





4-6. Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase III (Brunei, 1998)

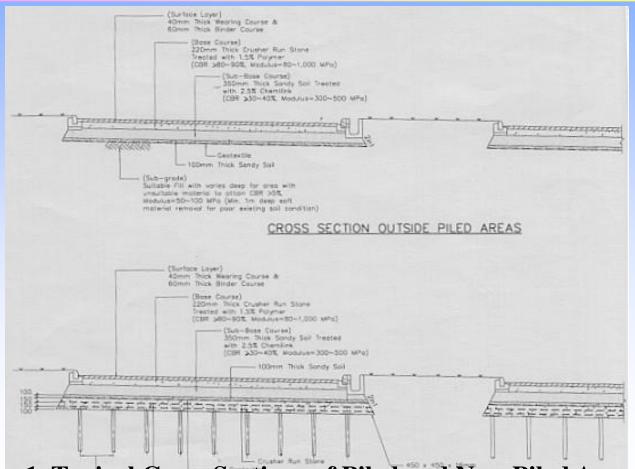


Fig. 1. Typical Cross Sections of Piled and Non-Piled Areas

CROSS SECTION AT PILED AREAS



4-6. Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase III (Brunei, 1998)

Products	Sample No.	e UCS Test (MPa)		In-Situ CBR Test (%)	DOC Test (%)	Remarks
Section.		4-day soaked	Unsoaked			
2.5% Chemilink SS-108 with sandy soils	129~163	1.3	1.62	81.25	> 97	Sub-base
1.5% Polyroad with crasher run	63~121	1.19	1.52	184.26	> 99	Base

Notes:

- 1) The samples used for UCS tests were made in Lab using the mixtures from site
- 2) In-site CBR tests were normally conducted after 2-4 curing days
- 3) DOC means the Degree of Compaction.

Table 3. Average Testing Results for Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase III



4-6. Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase III (Brunei, 1998)

Products	Location-1 CH 2870~71 K (MPa/m)	Location-2 CH 2960~61 K (MPa/m)	Location-3 CH 3391 K (IVIPa/m)	Average Modulus of Sub-grade Reaction K, (MPa/m)
2.5% Chemilink SS-108 with sandy soils	895	564	894	784
1.5% Polyroad with crasher run	501	623	508	544

Table 4. Plate Loading Test Data for Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase III



4-6. Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase III (Brunei, 1998)



a) Opened Road Cross Section



b) Road after 2-year completion

Photo 6. Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase III



4-6. Jalan Tutong Widening, Phase III (Brunei, 1998)

VIDEO ON
OPENING ROAD
CROSS SECTION









4-7. Reconstruction of Jalan Lamunin (Brunei, 2002)



Finish Road Surface of Jalan Lamunin





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4-7. Reconstruction of Jalan Lamunin (Brunei, 2002)

Table 5. Grain Size Distributions of Used Crusher Runs

BS Sieve Size	Total Passing	Percentage (%)	Remarks
(mm)	Туре А	Туре В	
50.0	100	100	Type A: local crusher run.
37.5	100	98.3	MDD=2.055 t/m³ and
20.0	63.3	75.2	OMC=7.6%
10.0	50.5	54.4	
5.0	38.5	37.6	Type B: local crusher run mixed with
2.36	27.6	31.3	tiling.
0.425	11.1	14.8	MDD=2.175 t/m³ and
0.075	4.1	2.0	OMC=7.5%

Table 6. UCS Results (MPa) of SS-111 Stabilised Crusher Runs

Curing Time	Crusher Run		SS-111	Dosage (%)	
(day)	Туре	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5
7	А	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.8
	В	2.6	2.7	2.9	4.4
28	А	2.3	2.6	3.1	3.4
	В	3.2	3.7	4.4	5.3

* Specification: UCS $(7-d) \ge 2.0$ MPa

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4. Case Studies of Chemilink Stabilization/Recycling

4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-1. New Xiaoxian Road (Inner Mongolia, China)







Manually Spreading



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-1. New Xiaoxian Road (Inner Mongolia, China)







Spreading chips on the surface



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

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Compaction

Road in Use



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-1. New Xiaoxian Road (Inner Mongolia, China)



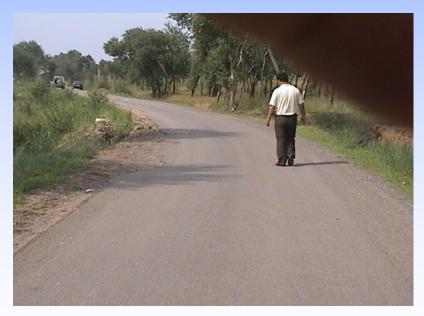
Central Mixing Plant



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-1. New Xiaoxian Road (Inner Mongolia, China)





Road after years



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-1. New Xiaoxian Road (Inner Mongolia, China)





Chemilink stabilized base after years



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-2. Jintang Road (Sichuan, China)





Scarifying

Manually Spreading



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-2. Jintang Road (Sichuan, China)





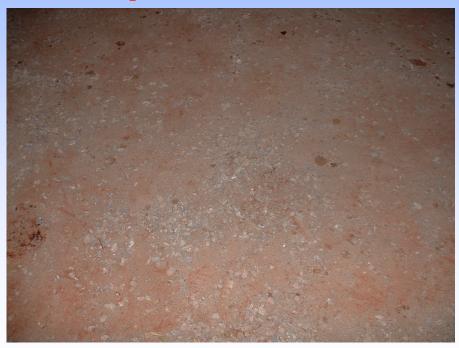
Mixing by Rotorvator

Compaction



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-2. Jintang Road (Sichuan, China)



Chips on the surface



Mixing by other means



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-2. Jintang Road (Sichuan, China)





Road after years



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-2. Jintang Road (Sichuan, China)





Road surface after years

Chemilink stabilized base after years



4-8. China Low Cost Rural Road

4-8-3. Longquan Road (Chengdu City, China) (By Plant Mixing)

* 0.2m deep as Base only / 3% SS-108 / Silty Sand / (30mm AC Surface) / by Central Mixing Plant





After Curing

In Use



4-9. New Well Road for Caltex, Sumatra, Indonesia

* 0.2m deep as Base only /1% SS-108 /No AC Surface





Scrarifyng

Subgrade Condition

The Sub-grade

Scarifying



4-9. New Well Road for Caltex, Sumatra, Indonesia

* 0.2m deep as Base only /1% SS-108 /No AC Surface



Dropping The Jumbo Bag



Small Bag Placing

Spreading – big bag

Spreading – small bag



4-9. New Well Road for Caltex, Sumatra, Indonesia

* 0.2m deep as Base only /1% SS-108 /No AC Surface



Recycling First Passing



Moisture Spraying

Mixing by Stabilizer

Adding Water



4-9. New Well Road for Caltex, Sumatra, Indonesia

* 0.2m deep as Base only /1% SS-108 /No AC Surface



Compaction



End of trial section (well pad)

Compaction

Treated and Untreated Roads



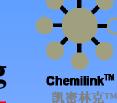
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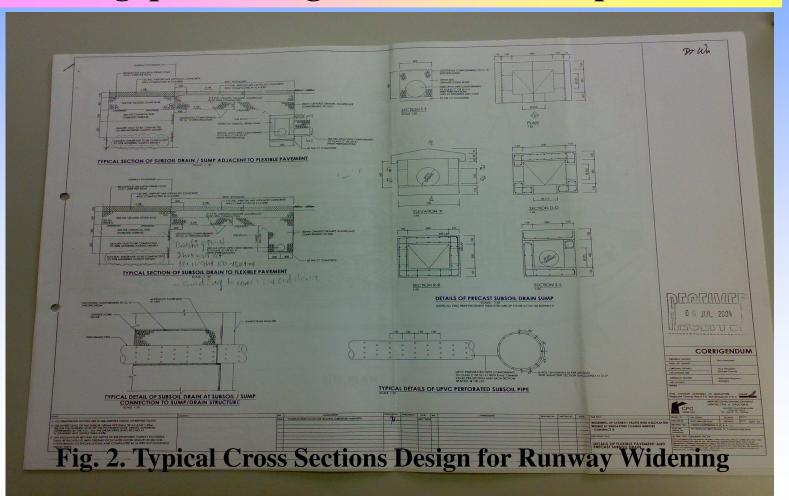
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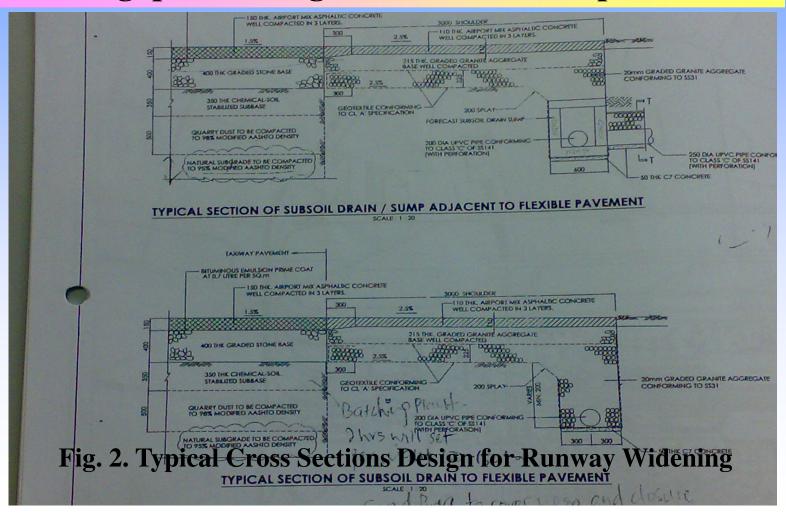


The Road in Use on the 80th day



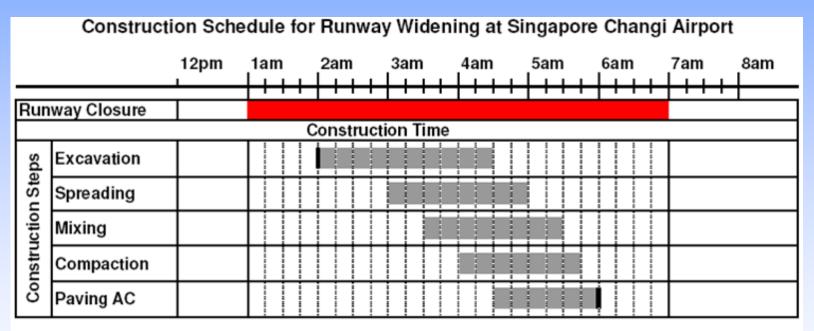








4-10. Singapore Changi International Airport (2005)



Notes:

Runway Closure Time : 1:00am ~ 7:00am Effective Construction Time : 2:00am ~ 6:00am

Average Area per 4 Working Hours: 250m by 4.5m or 225m2/hour

Fig. 3. Typical Daily Construction Schedule









a) Spreading

b) In-situ Mixing

c) Compaction

Photo 7. Stabilization Work in Changi International Airport



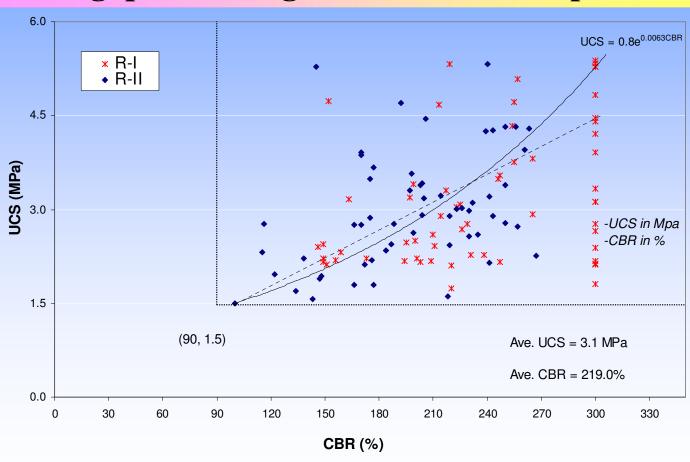


Fig. 4. UCS and CBR Testing Results for Runway-I and Runway-II











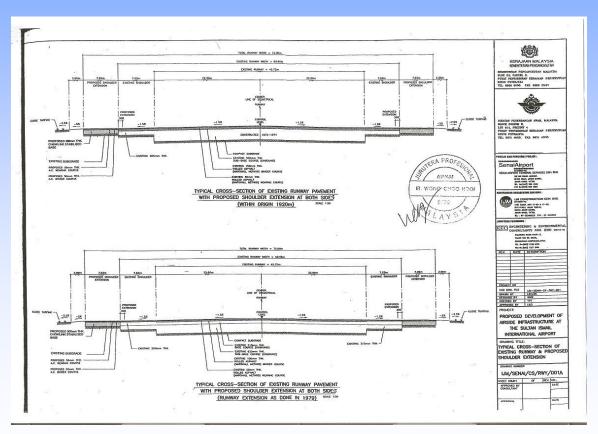


Fig. 4. Cross Section of Existing Runway Shoulders vs. Widened Section by Chemical Stabilization



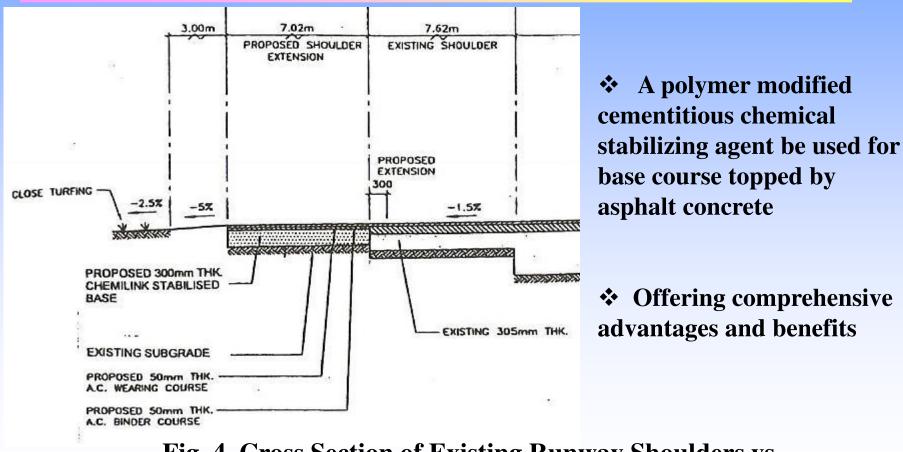


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a) Excavation

b) Spreading

Photo 10. Stabilization Work in Sultan Ismail International Airport







c) In-Situ Mixing

d) Compaction

Photo 10. Stabilization Work in Sultan Ismail International Airport



4-11. Sultan Ismail International Airport (Malaysia, 2007)





e) Paving Asphalt Concrete

f) Completion of Widening

Photo 10. Stabilization Work in Sultan Ismail International Airport



4-11. Sultan Ismail International Airport (Malaysia, 2007)

SENAI AIRPORT RUNWAY SHOULDER WIDENING Soil Investigation Summary

	NO	LOCATION	DEPTH	INSITU	OMC	MDD	LL	PI	CLAY&SILT	SAND	GRAVEL
			(mm)	MC (%)	(%)	(Mg/m3)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
	150~450 depth at										
			mm	350mm							
	6	P6	350	23.59	15.00	1.74	73	36	54.80	32.40	12.80
•	7	P7	350	30.08	22.00	1.49	88	37	78.80	19.20	2.00
	8	P8	350	41.63	18.00	1.54	76	31	70.40	2.60	27.00
	11	P11	350	27.38	19.00	1.68	62	33	66.80	33.20	0.00
•	12	P12	350	38.74	19.00	1.55	79	46	82.70	17.20	0.10
	13	P13	350	21.37	17.00	1.71	56	23	62.20	30.60	7.20

Challenges:

- High clay content
- High moisture content
- High Liquid Limit and Plastic Limit



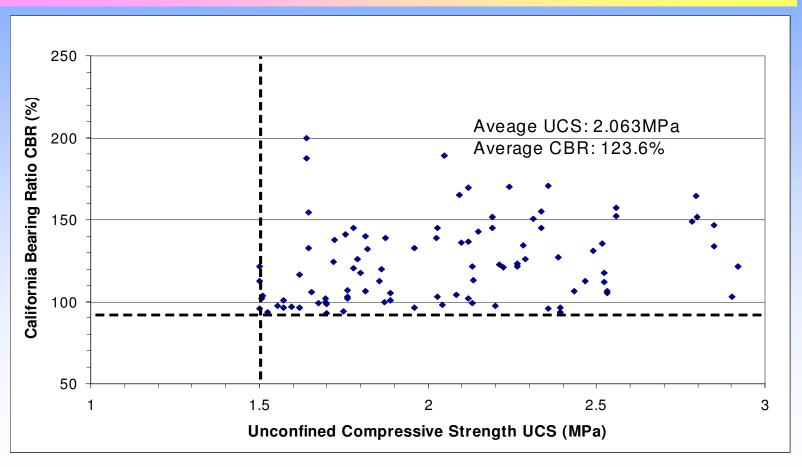


Fig. 6. UCS and CBR Testing Results



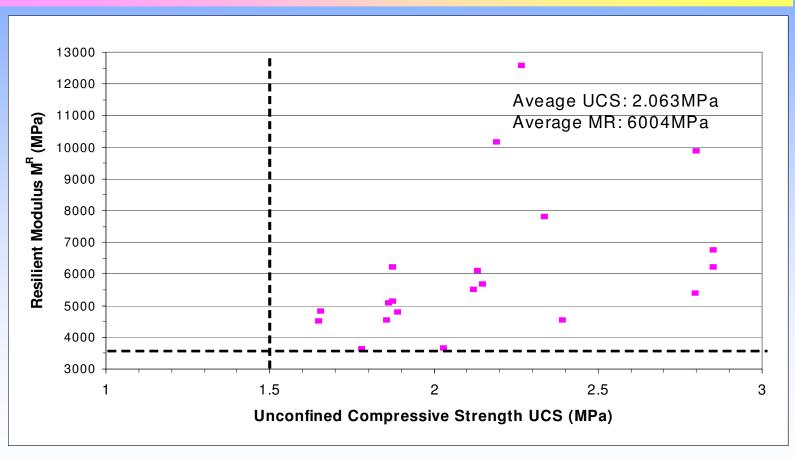


Fig. 7. UCS and Resilient Modulus Testing Results



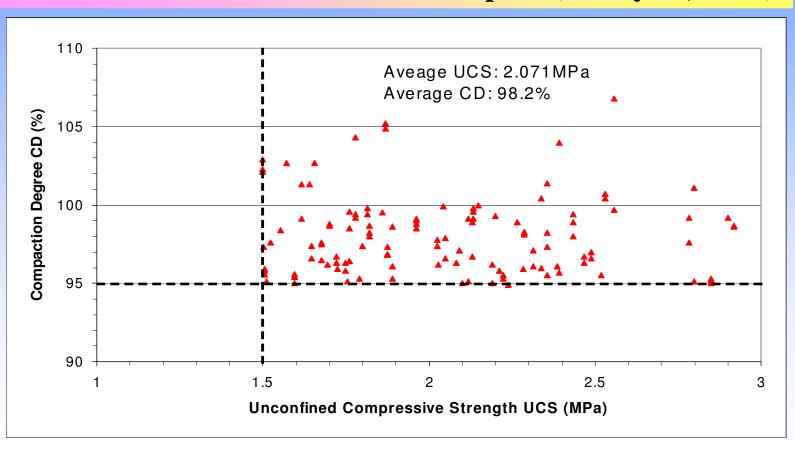


Fig. 8. UCS and Compaction Degree Testing Results



4-11. Sultan Ismail International Airport (Malaysia, 2007)

Benefits of Chemical–Soil Stabilization in the Airport Environment

Comparison Item (Daily basis and for base course only)	Conventional Replacement Method	Chemical-Soil Stabilization	
Construction Rate (by 7.5m)	< 50m	Average: 121m	
Transportation (in & out, 10t truck)	100 trips	< 20 trips	

❖ Chemical-Soil Stabilization

□Manpower: < 50 workheads

□Machinery/ Vehicles: < 20 units

□Re-opening time: 30 minutes

❖1.5 month ahead of the 4 months schedule







Photo 11. Completion of Runway Widening in Senai Airport



5. Quality Assurance and Quality Control

Including following aspects and elements

- 1) Preparations
 - **❖** Properties of in-situ/imported materials to be stabilized
 - Chemical stabilizing agents to be used
- 2) Construction
 - **Spreading quality**

- **❖** In-situ moisture control
- **❖** Mixing depths and widths **❖** Compaction Controls

- 3) Finishing
 - ***** Level controls

Surface finishing tolerances

- 4) Technical Results
 - **UCS, CBR, Resilient Modulus and etc**

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5. Quality Assurance and Quality Control



Photo 12. Spreading Rate Check



Photo 14. UCS Test



Photo 16. Nuclear Density Test



Photo 13. Preparations of Specimens



Photo 15. CBR Test



Photo 17. Resilient Modulus Test



6. Conclusions

- 1) Soil stabilization and recycling with chemical admixtures is an effective approach for civil engineering. Chemical stabilization, with proper stabilizing agents and with advanced construction machinery and method, could be one of the best satisfactory construction methods for roads and shallow base foundations under tropical conditions in this region.
- ❖ Many projects with chemical stabilization have been carried out in this region and the performances of the completed projects are generally satisfactory. With chemical stabilization method, many technical difficulties, especially the total and differential settlements, at clayey, swampy or lowlying land areas with peaty soils have successfully been resolved. The benefits and advantages derived from chemical stabilized roads are far more superior to those of roads constructed by conventional methods.



6. Conclusions

- **❖** The commonly used chemical stabilizing agents are reviewed and discussed in the paper. The major criterion of selecting the agents has been proposed that the right agent must be able to overcome the both general engineering difficulties and localized construction troubles. It is recommended to pay more attention on the modified cementitious base and/or polymer base stabilizing agents because of the effectiveness and durability.
- ❖ Chemilink Soil Stabilization has technically and commercially been proven to be the effective and durable method especially for road and airfield construction in this region, based on the performance and durability of numerous projects with Chemilink Technologies and Products. Since Chemilink has successfully been applied a lot of high-difficulty projects for both roads and airfield for past many years, it has been recognized to be a leading technology in soil stabilization industry internationally.
- **❖** It is necessary and vital to comply with the quality control requirements in order to achieve successful stabilization works.



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