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# WEBINAR— CONSOLIDATION BEHAVIOUR OF ULTRA SOFT SOIL IN MAE MOH MINE, THAILAND



Speaker Prof. Suksun Horpibulsuk, PhD

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# Synopsis

The reclamation of slurry pond with ultra-soft soil deposit using prefabricated vertical drains (PVDs) with preloading technique in the Mae Moh mine, Lampang, Thailand is a challenging work. Geotextile reinforcement was used to increase the bearing capacity of the soil foundation prior to the installation of sand platform. The delay of excess pore water pressure dissipation at the early loading stage occurred despite the occurrence of large settlements was a distinct behavior of the ultra-soft soil. Within the delayed time, the calculated average degree of consolidation based on measured settlements,  $U_s$  increased while the calculated average degree of consolidation based on measured excess pore water pressures,  $U_e$  and the undrained shear strength,  $S_u$  remained unchanged. Beyond the delayed time, both  $U_e$  and  $S_u$  increased significantly with time and when  $U_s > 90\%$ , the difference between  $U_e$  and  $U_s$  was observed to be small. It was suggested to use  $U_s$  for approximation of  $S_u$  when  $U_s > 90\%$  based on the SHANSEP's method. The successful installation and application of PVD to improve ultra-soft soil in this research is applicable for the ground improvement of similar problematic ultra-soft soils in international land reclamation projects.

# Speaker's Profile

Prof. Suksun Horpibulsuk holds a B.Eng. (Civil Engineering), Khon Kaen University, Thailand (1996), M.Eng. (Soil Engineering), Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, (1998), Ph.D. (Geotechnical Engineering), Saga University, Japan, (2001), Certificate on Computer Aided Design (CAD) of City Planning, Architecture Design and Interior, MOST, China (2003).

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Prof. Suksun is currently the Professor and Chair, School of Civil Engineering, Suranaree University of Technology and also holds various positions in various universities.

#### His academic works include:

- (1) 23 national journal papers
- (2) 350 international journal papers
- (3) 34 keynote/invited papers
- (4) 49 national conference papers
- (5) 115 international conference papers
- (6) 3 books and 4 book chapters
- (7) 1 patent
- (8) 62 h-index and 12,715 citations (SCOPUS)

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