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ABSTRAK

Banjir kilat dan banjir monsun adalah bencana yang sangat umum disebabkan oleh pengurusan air ribut yang tidak wajar. Oleh itu, kolam tahanan air hujan memainkan peranan penting dalam usaha pengurusan air ribut untuk mengurangkan kebarangkalian kejadian banjir. Sebelum merancang kemudahan penahanan air hujan, pengumpulan data hujan siri masa yang mencukupi dan analisis data hujan memainkan peranan yang sangat penting dalam memastikan ketepatan reka bentuk kemudahan kolam tahanan. Dalam kajian ini, data hujan siri masa untuk 30 tahun yang lalu telah dikumpulkan dan data hujan yang hilang telah dianggar menggunakan kaedah Arithmetic Mean dan konsistensi data hujan dinilai melalui kaedah Mass Curve. Dari analisis konsistensi, didapati bahawa tapak pembangunan Pekan mempunyai konsistensi data hujan tertinggi diikuti oleh tapak pembangunan Kuantan dan tapak pembangunan Jerantut. Selain itu, ciri-ciri sistem penahanan air hujan di tapak bergantung kepada prestasi lengkung IDF yang memberikan intensiti hujan yang bersamaan dengan pelbagai tempoh ribut dan ARI. Lengkung IDF yang disediakan dalam MSMA 2 tidak mengambil kira data hujan sehingga tahun semasa. Oleh itu, dalam kajian ini, lengkung IDF telah dibuat menggunakan Gumbel Type I distribution untuk stesen hujan terdekat kepada setiap tapak pembangunan. Difahami bahawa perbezaan antara kurva IDF baru dan kurva MSMA 2 IDF kajian adalah kecil untuk 60 minit pertama tempoh hujan dan meningkat secara beransur-ansur apabila tempoh hujan melebihi 60 minit. Ini disebabkan data hujan yang dipertimbangkan dalam membuat kurva IDF baru hanya sehingga 60 minit. Selain itu, penggunaan kaedah reka bentuk kemudahan kolam tahanan menentukan keberkesanan kos dan kegunaan kemudahan kolam tahanan. Kolam tahanan yang direka akan diklasifikasikan sebagai 'under designed' jikalau ia mempunyai keberkesanan yang rendah dalam mengurangkan risiko banjir manakala kolam tahanan yang diklasifikasikan sebagai 'over designed' akan menyebabkan risiko banjir dikurangkan tetapi tidak kos efektif. Oleh itu, dalam kajian ini, kolam tahanan di tiga kawasan pembangunan dianalisis dengan menggunakan dua kaedah iaitu Kaedah Simplified dan Kaedah Modified Puls. Dari hasil kajian, didapati Kaedah Modified Puls menghasilkan reka bentuk yang lebih kos efektif berbanding Kaedah Simplified. Akhirnya, hasil kajian telah memberikan industri kejuruteraan awam satu kefahaman mengenai kaedah reka bentuk kos efektif kolam tahanan untuk menghalang kerugian kewangan dalam pembinaan kolam tahanan yang terlalu besar.

ABSTRACT

Flash flood and monsoon flood are very common disasters that caused by improper stormwater management. Hence, on-site detention facility plays an indispensable role in stormwater management efforts to reduce probability of flood occurrences. Prior designing on-site detention facility, collection of sufficient time series precipitation data and rainfall data analysis play indispensable role in ensuring the accuracy of on-site detention facility design. In this study, time series rainfall data for the past 30 years were collected and rainfall data gaps were approximated using the Arithmetic Mean method and the consistency of the gap filled rainfall data was evaluated using the Mass Curve method. From the consistency analysis, it was found that Pekan development site has the highest rainfall data consistency followed by Kuantan development site and Jerantut development site. Moreover, the characteristics of on-site detention system is depending on the IDF curve performance which gives the magnitude of rainfall intensity corresponding to various storm duration and ARI. The IDF curves provided in MSMA 2 was not up to the current year. Thus, in this study, IDF curves were developed using Gumbel Type I distribution for the nearest rainfall station to each development site. It was noticed that difference between the study's IDF curve and MSMA 2 IDF curve appeared to be small for the first 60 minutes of storm duration and gradually increased when the storm duration greater than 60 minutes. This was due to rainfall data considered in developing new IDF curve was only up to 60 minutes. Furthermore, the adoption of on-site detention facility design method determines the cost effectiveness and usefulness of the on-site detention facility. An under designed on-site detention facility has low effectiveness in reducing flood probability whereas an over designed on-site detention facility is not economical. Thus, in this study, on-site detention facility of three development areas were analysed using two methods namely, the Simplified Method and the Modified Puls Method. From the study outcome, it was found that the Modified Puls Method produced more economical design compared to the Simplified Method. Ultimately, the study outcome has provided the civil engineering industry an insight on the cost effective design method of on-site detention facility to prevent monetary losses in construction of oversized on-site detention facility.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

\bar{P}	Average Rainfall Depth
P_i	Rainfall at The i th Rain Gauge Station
N	Total Number Of Rain Gauge Station
β	Scale Parameter Of Gumbel Distribution
μ	Location Parameter Of Gumbel Distribution
\bar{X}	Arithmetic Mean Of Observations
S	Standard Deviation Of The Observations
K_T	Frequency Factor
T	Return Period
I	Rainfall Intensity
λ	Coefficient Of Power Law
K	Coefficient Of Power Law
θ	Coefficient Of Power Law
η	Coefficient Of Power Law
d	Rainfall Duration
Q	Peak Flow
C	Runoff Coefficient
A	Area Of Catchment
C_{avg}	Weighted Runoff Coefficient
C_j	Runoff Coefficient Of Segment j
A_j	Area Of Segment j
m	Total Number Of Segments
t_c	Time Of Concentration
t_o	Time Taken For Overland Flow
n	Horton Roughness
S	Overland Slope
L	Length Between Highest Point And Lowest Point
t_d	Time Taken For Channel Flow
n	Manning's Roughness Coefficient
S	Channel Slope
L	Length Of Channel From The Highest Point To The Outlet
R	Wetted Perimeter
V_S	Preliminary Detention Storage Required
Q_o	Outflow Discharge Limit

Q_i	Inflow Peak Discharge
t_i	Total Duration Of Hydrograph
$I(t)$	Inflow Rate
$O(t)$	Outflow Rate
$S(t)$	Volume Of Water Stored at t
Q	Discharge Of Orifice
H_o	Effective Head Of Orifice
A_o	Orifice Cross Sectional Area
C_o	Orifice Flow Coefficient
g	Gravitational Constant

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DID	Department Of Irrigation And Drainage
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
GCM	Global Climate Modelling
IDF	Intensity – Duration – Frequency
LCW	Lai Chi Wo
MBJB	Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru
MRM	Modified Rational Method
MSMA	Manual Saliran Mesra Alam
OSD	On – Site Detention
PSD	Permissible Site Discharge
SSR	Site Storage Requirement
STP	Sewage Treatment Plant
USM	Universiti Sains Malaysia

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF STUDY

Extreme events such as flash flood and monsoon flood are induced by either improper or insufficient storm-water management. Improper storm water management tends to increase the probability of flood occurrence. For a small development area located at the upstream region of a catchment produces minimal runoff volume to be managed. Although the small volume might seem to be negligible but when the runoff volumes from several development areas are accumulated downstream, yielding an uncontrollably high peak discharge during heavy rainfall event which consequently causing flood to occur. The condition is worsened by rapid urbanization as the change in land uses from forest cover to build up areas increase the percentage of the land imperviousness.

Rainfall runoff from the land surface is drained into the conveyance facilities before it is discharged into a river system. When the peak discharge is extremely high, the river tends to overflow. In the effort to reduce the peak discharge, comprehensive drainage design for flood prevention is necessary. For this reason, it is essential to construct a detention pond at the downstream part of the development area. In many developed countries such as Australia, Canada and Japan, implementation of on-site detention system (OSD) has been made mandatory along with their massive development for decades. The effectiveness of a detention pond is highly depending on the accuracy of the design. Ineffective design of on-site detention facility may not able to perform satisfactorily and is non cost effective.

The implementation of OSD has been made mandatory for new development area in the Pahang State after the serious flood during the end of year 2013. There are two

types of OSD namely the above ground storage and the below ground storage. The maintenance for below ground storage is more difficult than the above ground storage. Hence, the above ground storage is more favourable and commonly used.

Storm-water management structures can be very costly especially when unpredictable construction faults occurred which increase the cost needed to remedy the situation. Thus, it is very important to evaluate the optimum specifications of OSD in accordance to the Malaysian guidelines. There are few methods available to design detention systems, for instance hydrological modelling, hydrological routing, and empirical design method. In Malaysia, the guidelines for OSD design is based on the Urban Stormwater Management Manual for Malaysia (MSMA 2). In this study, two methods were used to design the OSD which are the conventional hydrological routing (MSMA 2: Chapter 7) and simplified empirical design method (MSMA 2: Chapter 5). The conventional hydrological routing adopted is the Modified Puls Method which involves the routing of inflow hydrograph to obtain the resultant outflow hydrograph. Meanwhile, the simplified empirical design method is solely based on the OSD characteristics tables which are classified by region of development, terrain, and percentage of imperviousness. Nevertheless, no matter which design method is adopted, over-designed system will affect the construction process financially. Therefore, optimum design of OSD is important to ensure cost effectiveness of a development project.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Detention system is meant to delay and reduce post development peak discharge through temporary storage. Improperly designed detention system can be costly when over-designed, and unable to cater high discharge when under-designed. Construction industry demands efficient, effective and cost effective designs. Thus, the optimum design of OSD storage is crucial. However, there are many methods and guidelines available for the design of detention system. In this study, two methods provided in MSMA 2 were compared to investigate the most cost effective method.

Before designing the OSD system, rainfall data analysis has to be performed. The relationship between the rainfall intensity, storm duration and flood frequency is illustrated by IDF curves. IDF curve provided by MSMA 2 is not updated to the current

year. Thus, the development of updated IDF curve based on the up to date rainfall data is required for the design purpose. Total of 30 years rainfall data is available for analysis but these data contains a lot of missing data. In the effort of filling the rainfall data, arithmetic mean method was used. Data filling is important to ensure the accuracy of the developed IDF curves and subsequently the accuracy of stormwater management structure designs.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this study are stated as follow:

1. Perform rainfall data consistency analysis.
2. Develop new Intensity Duration Frequency curve for designated study areas.
3. To investigate the most effective method to design on-site detention pond.

1.4 SCOPE OF STUDY

In this study, three project development sites located in the Kuantan District, Pekan Town and Jerantut Town have been selected. Each project development site selected has a limited total area of less than 5 Hectares. All the project areas selected representing different topographic characteristics including low-lying terrain, mild terrain and steep terrain. The development layout drawings of the selected areas were collected from a local consultant firm for the boundary extraction and levelling information. For the time series precipitation data of 30 years, they were acquired from the Department of Irrigation and Drainage. Since the main factor that govern the accuracy of the study is the time series rainfall data, missing precipitation data has been filled by using the Arithmetic Mean Method. For the development of IDF curve, Gumbel Type I Extreme Value Distribution was used and the relationship between the rainfall intensity, duration and return period was established via Power Law empirical approach. Prior to the design of the OSD system for each development site, inflow hydrograph was derived through the Rational Hydrograph Method. The design outputs obtained through Simplified Method and Modified Puls Method in accordance to MSMA 2 were compared and the most cost viable design was identified.

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