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## **GNSS HEIGHTING AND ITS POTENTIAL USE IN MALAYSIA**

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### **PRESENTATION OUTLINE**

- **Introduction**
- **Vertical datum and Levelling  
Background**
- **GNSS Heighting**
- **Case Studies**
- **Conclusion**



## **MALAYSIA**

- **Location: South East Asia**
- **Land Area: 329,758 square km**
- **Maritime Area: 603,210 square km**
- **Population: 28 million**
- **Climate: Tropical, temperature from 23 °C - 32 °C**

## **BACKGROUND**

- **Horizontal and vertical control in Malaysia falls under Department of Survey and Mapping**

## VERTICAL DATUM AND LEVELLING IN MALAYSIA

- **1908 : Earliest Vertical Datum at Port Klang**
- **1912 : First National Vertical Datum (LSD)**
- **1912 : First line levelled from Port Klang to Kuala Lumpur**
- **1967 : First Order Levelling Network (FOLN67)**

## VERTICAL DATUM AND LEVELLING IN MALAYSIA

- **1984-1993 : Peninsular Malaysia Geodetic Vertical Datum (10-year tidal observation)**
- **1985-1999 : Precise Levelling Network**
- **2000 onwards : Upgrading of Precise Levelling Network**

# PRECISE LEVELLING NETWORK



Extent of Precise Levelling Network in Peninsular Malaysia

# PRECISE LEVELLING NETWORK (contd.)

## Methods Of Survey



Conventional



Motorised



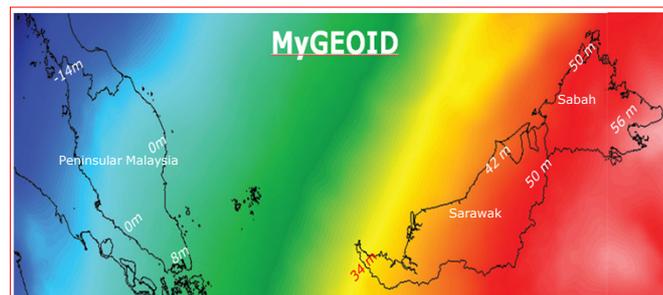
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## PRECISE LEVELLING NETWORK (contd.)

- Uses spirit levelling in determination of orthometric height
- Simple and effective but slow

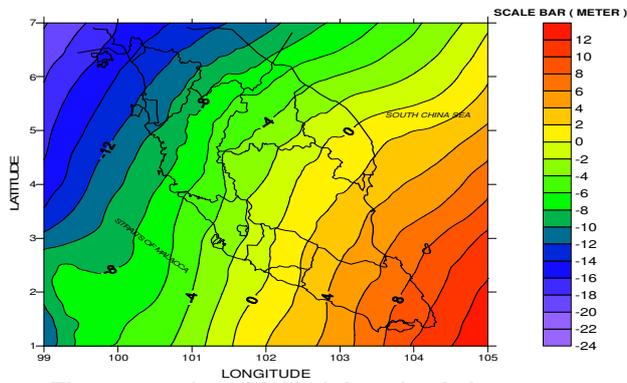
## MALAYSIA GEOID MODEL

Malaysia has established its geoid model which is known as MyGEOID in 2004 and 2005



Peninsular Malaysia : WMGEOID04  
Sarawak and Sabah : EMGEOID05

## PENINSULAR MALAYSIA : WMGEIOD04

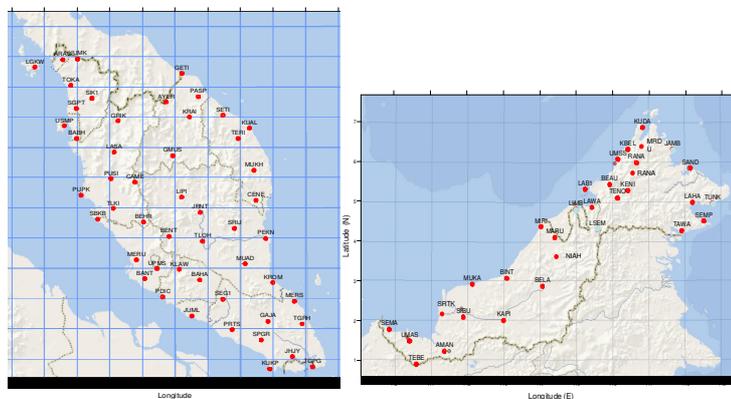


The range of geoidal height value is between  
-16 m (northern area) to 10 m (southern area)

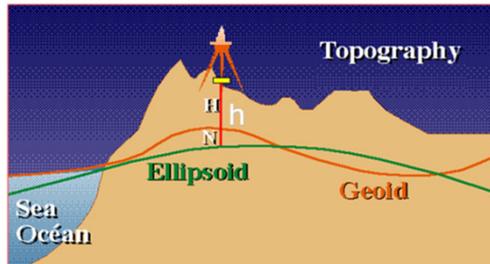
## MyRTKnet

**Malaysia has established Malaysia Real-time Kinematic  
GNSS Network (MyRTKnet) in 2006 - 2009**

**Peninsular Malaysia - 50 stations  
Sabah and Sarawak - 28 stations**



# GNSS HEIGHTING



Relationship between orthometric height, geoid and ellipsoid

$$H = h - N$$

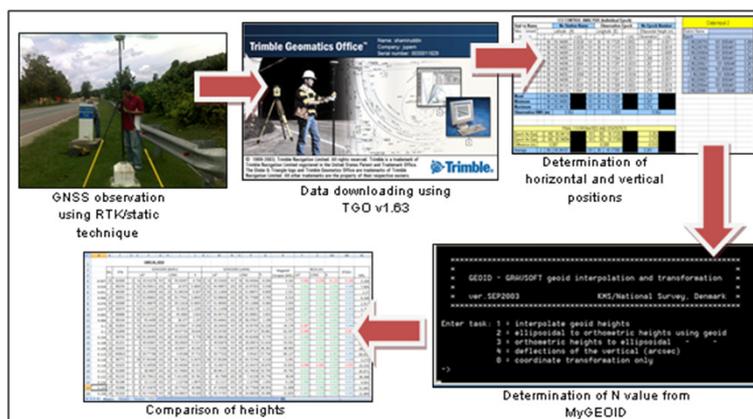
where:

H = Height above geoid (GPS derived orthometric height)

h = Height above ellipsoid (GPS height)

N = geoid-ellipsoid separation, geoid height from gravimetric geoid model (geoidal height)

# FLOWCHART OF GNSS HEIGHTING



## GNSS-DERIVED ORTHOMETRIC HEIGHT - Recommended Guidelines

Field Procedure		
No.	Items	Parameter
1.	Observation Technique	Static positioning
2.	GNSS Control	At least 3 stations
3.	Observation Sessions	At least 2 independent sessions
4.	Station Connections	At least 3 independent baselines
5.	VDOP	Less than 6 (90% of the observation session)
6.	Elevation Angle	Above 10°
7.	Satellite Tracking	At least 5 satellites with GDOP of less than 6
8.	Equipment Calibration	As regulated
9.	MyRTKnet Usage	As regulated

## Recommended Guidelines (contd.)

Office Procedure		
No.	Items	Parameter
1.	General Procedure	Prescribed procedures as provided in manufacturer manual must be followed.
2.	Datum	GDM2000
3.	Ephemerides	Short baselines of less than 30 km: Broadcast. Long baselines: precise.
4.	Baseline Processing Quality	RMS less than 2 cm. Maximum data rejection - less than 10 %. Ambiguity fixed solution. Aposteriori variance factor is unity.
5.	Adjustment	Only independent baselines (n-1) should be included in the adjustment. Least square adjustment should be used.
6.	Minimally Constrained Adjustment	1 control station fixed in GDM2000 coordinates.
7.	Quality Indicator	Pass Chi-squares test at 95% confident region. All baselines must pass the local test.
8.	Test on Control Stations	Relative precision must be less than 2 ppm (2D) and 3 ppm on the vertical component.
9.	Over-constrained Adjustment	At least 2 control stations must be fixed in the final adjustment.

Note: The office procedures are carried out using Trimble Geomatic Office (TGO) software



## RESULTS - CASE STUDY 1

Difference Between GNSS Heighting & Levelling (cm)	No. of Observation
< 1	3

## CASE STUDY 2

### Peninsular Malaysia

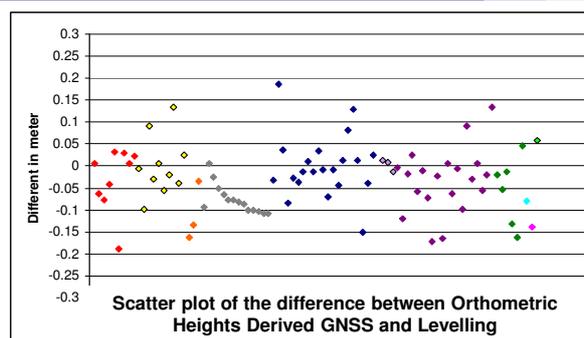


GNSS observations with RTK technique involving a total number of 77 bench marks (BM)

## RESULTS - CASE STUDY 2

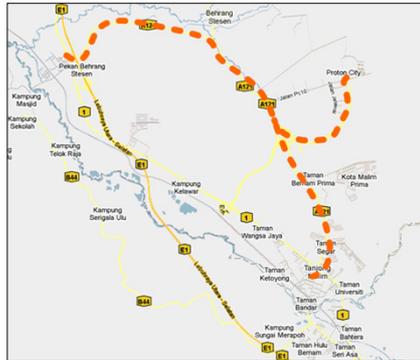
Difference Between GNSS Heighting & Levelling (cm)	No. of Observation & (%)
< 10	59 (77 %)
10 – 18.8	18 (23%)

## RESULTS - CASE STUDY 2 (contd.)



## CASE STUDY 3

### Tanjung Malim, Perak

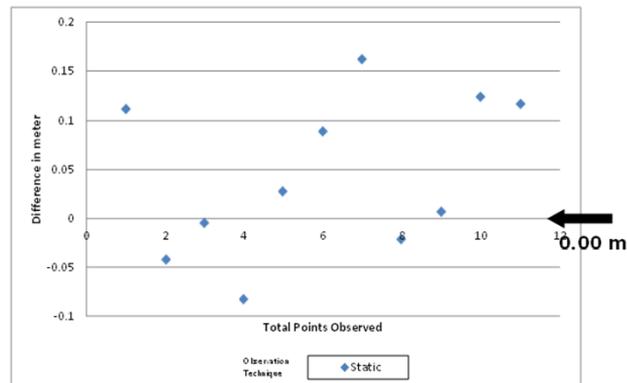


GNSS observations with static technique involving a total number of 11 bench marks (BM)

## RESULTS - CASE STUDY 3

Difference Between GNSS Heighting & Levelling (cm)	No. of Observation & (%)
< 10	7 (64 %)
10 – 16.2	4 (36%)

## RESULTS - CASE STUDY 3 (contd.)



Scatter plot of the difference between Orthometric Heights Derived GNSS and Levelling

## CONCLUSION

- The development of geodetic infrastructures such as MyRTKnet and MyGEOID has given great opportunity in enhancing the determination of heighting using GNSS.
- The conventional spirit levelling requires a lot of time and is a costly operation as well as involves a lot of manpower as compared to GNSS heighting.

## CONCLUSION

- Based on the initial studies that have been carried out, the results indicate that the accuracy achievable by GNSS heighting in Malaysia can provide second order levelling standard.
- However, more case studies need to be conducted regarding GNSS heighting.

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