# Seismicity and Potential Seismic Hazard of Thailand:

# The need of high-quality research work along the mountain slopes in Thailand

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# Major Historical and Recent Earthquakes That Affects Thailand

# 24 March 2011 M6.7 in Myanmar (100-150 Deaths in Myanmar)



















# M6.2 Chiang Rai EQ (May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 18:08 pm, 19.66°N 99.67°E 10km)



More than 15,000 building with degrees from minor damages to total collapse and yielded a total damage of US\$300 million





#### **Damages Map vs Simulated PGA**

(M6.2 at 10km depth, Sadigh et al., 1997's attenuation model)



### Aftershocks Monitoring and Relocation





# Phuket EQ

A rare earthquake ( $M_L$  4.3) occurred at 09:44:25 hrs.(UTC) on 16 April 2012 in the Si Sunthon District, Thalang District, Phuket province, southern Thailand



# Seismic Hazard in the Southern Thailand

3000

2000

1000

0

-1000

-2000



	Segment	Length (km)	Magnitude (Mw)	Slip (m)
Elevation (m)	1	13.87	6.55	1.22
	2	31.31	6.86	1.56
	4	32.93	6.88	1.59
	5	18.98	6.67	1.34
	Full Khlong Marui	172.93	7.51	2.63
	Full Ranong	430.00	7.85	3.48
	Short Khlong Marui	47.234	7.02	1.77
	Short Ranong	96.82	7.29	2.21

Offshore fault segments and the potential maximum earthquake magnitude (Wesnousky, 2008)

### Scenario Shake Map: intensity up to VIII



(After Ramirez 2019)



#### Landslide Hazard of Thailand



(Source: Department of Mineral Resources)



<sup>(</sup>After R. Teerarungsigul, 2019)





### Earthquakes in High Landslide Susceptibility Areas

# Future research needs:

- Sophisticated analytical method for landslide hazard (probabilistic, etc.)
- Real time simulation (debris flow model, extent of damage from the landslide events, etc.)
- Real time monitoring data (rainfalls, water flows, mass wasting, creeping etc.)
- Integrated data, especially high-resolution remote sensing and dynamic/field data such as ground shaking, wildfire, geology, geotechnical engineering data etc. To integrate landslide hazard analysis affected by ground shakings in case of moderate earthquake.

### Mountainous Hazard in Thailand: Tham Luang Cave Rescue Operation



#### What did earth scientists do during the rescue missions?

#### Before the boys were found

Geologists and cave explorers + GIS mappers Geophysicists: ID cavity for cave entrance Water management: water diversion Meteorologists: Weather forecast

#### After the boys were found

Water management: Pumping water: starting just before the boy were found

Meteorologists: Rain Fall monitoring/detailed weather forecast

Seismologists (locating locations of the boys)

#### Geologists, cave explorers, Geophysicists and GIS mappers: Cave Route, Geology of the cave and surface water flow direction



(Sources: KU, Martin Ellis, GISTDA, Department of Mineral Resources and Chulalongkorn University)

# **Rainfall Monitoring and Pumping Water out**



(Credits: National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Thai Meteorological Department, Hydro Informatics Institute, CH. Karnchang PLC)

#### Locating the boys' location using earthquake location concept









Accuracy Test: 9 July 18 Location of the source from the calculation is only about 10 m from the real location!









(20 - 100 Hz BP filter) from 3 stations (3 components) The duration of data about 0.5 sec.

# Conclusions

Thailand has moderate seismic hazard with many active fault capable of earthquake up to M7. The largest earthquake (M6.2) generated intensity level of 8 MMI).

Many of the high seismic hazard/active fault locations are located in the mountainous areas which have high landslide hazard.

There are very little landslide real time monitoring system in Thailand due to the high cost and low population density living in the high landslide hazard areas.

Thailand need further landslide hazard research with new technology especially simulation of flow model, probabilistic landslide hazard, INSAR, real time monitoring system, etc.