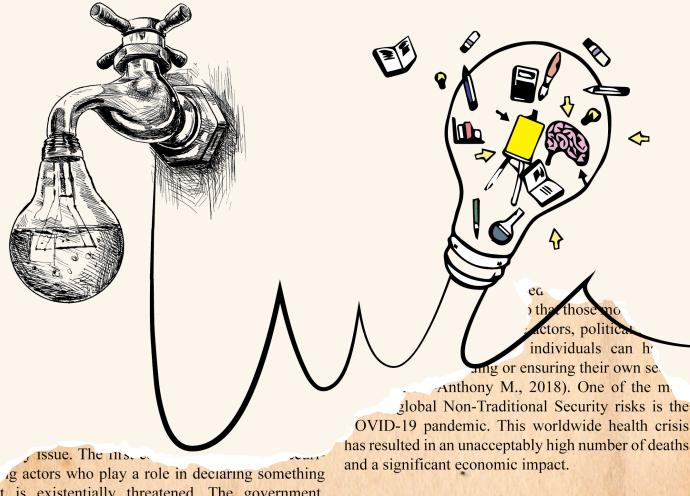




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Securitization theory, which is employed as a framework analysis, is the basic theory that underpins the analysis in this study. Securitization developed from Copenhagen School (COPRI – Copenhagen Peace Research Institute) of security studies pioneered by

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SMART HIKING STICK DURING ENDEMIC FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

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Smart Hiking Stick for Healthy Lifestyle

After Covid-19 endemic in 2023, most Malaysians are into physical activities and more concerned with a healthy lifestyle (Bowler, 2010). A low cost fitness is affordable workout for people who wants a low impact activity, cheap and can be done almost anywhere at any time (Caspersen, et. al., 1985). Routine walking can result in several health benefits such as raised exercise aptitude, declined pressure of circulating blood, and improved glucose control (Chhetri, et. al. 2004). Walking can reduce stress level and stabilize emotional well-being. Walking improves cardiovascular but should be done without extreme injuries (Haseler et. al., 2009). The use of walking stick is recommended to avoid high impact on knees and feet. The walking stick is used by hikers to climb over rugged terrain, support the spine, increase balance, and minimize the impact on the body (Phelan, 2020). The walking stick is used as stabilization. The reflexes, strength, postural effects, and postural monitor are balanced in walking activities (Bowler, 2010). Walking exercises are becoming more demanding so walking stick was designed to assist balance and fitness after getting vaccines or boosters during the endemic (Den Breejeen, 2007). The hikers should apply a few techniques and walk naturally. The hikers' shoulders position should be relaxed and keep the stick closer to the body. A stick should be one foot and held at the opposite arm and swing backward as the leg moves forward (Kil, et. al., 2014). The use of a stick may reduce the risk of burden and injuries (Nordbo, et. al., (2014).

Features of Smart Hiking Stick

The smart hiking stick's special feature is qibla compass. Most designs did not include the qibla compass. This model would assist Muslim hikers to carry out prayers towards the qibla correctly. The spiritual prerequisite can be done through physical activities (Bowler, et., al, 2010). The smart hiking stick is designed to hold a flashlight at night, allowing one to put hands to better use. This design adds high-quality headlamps inside the hand holder. When backpacking, the hikers need to fit as many devices as possible to have a successful adventure, and in some situations the hikers had to wear a mask or respirator that offers greater protection in certain situations. The mask folder is inside the smart hiking stick to make it clean and dry. The emergency whistle is inside the smart stick to locate hikers.

The Prototype Smart Hiking Stick with Dismantle Features

The analysis on four requirements are: user-friendly interactive relations, useful functions, proper materials, and accessibility. The user experience was optimized, and the model was designed in line with Muslim needs. The general design concept focuses on healthy lifestyle, minimalism, and safety requirements. The length of the hiking stick was adjustable as per the user's stature. The size of the stick head was relatively larger, so it was convenient for holding LED light. The lower part of the stick head was designed as a slip-resistant groove to prevent it from slipping out of the hand; the icon design on the operational buttons was easily recognized. A front light source was added on the stick. When the hikers walk at night with the smart stick, they can switch on the low beam or high beam to reduce accident in dim places. The whistle draws the attention of other hikers. The stick automatically sends the location data to a third person using the GPS navigation system. The overall weight is light. The stick body uses metal to provide secure support and its foot pad has anti-slippery rubber



material to increase friction. The general model was simple and steady. It has classic black and silver/red colours to create a visual sense of reliability and safety.

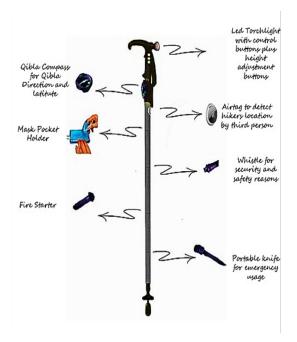


Figure 1: Prototype Smart Hiking Stick

Feedback from Hikers on Smart Hiking Stick Idea

Qualitative analysis is a research method used in the social sciences, humanities, and some natural sciences to study and understand the characteristics, behaviours, and motivations of individuals, groups, or phenomena. It involves collecting and analysing non-numerical data such as interview transcripts, focus group discussions, and open-ended survey responses to gain insight into complex topics and gain an in-depth understanding of human experiences and perspectives. Selective respondents were chosen to answer the interview questions. The 20 hikers ranging from 20 to 21 years old are mostly students from Universiti Teknologi MARA Melaka. Most of them are in second year Tourism Management degree. The data were examined through thematic approach using NVivo 12 software. Figure 2 shows word count for domain analysis. According to Miles et, al., (1994), the finding would justify an understandable pattern of data including the symbol, references, and semantic relationship.

The innovation of smart hiking stick on Spider Web Analysis

The thematic analysis started from generating the initial codes and pre conceptualizing the theoretical framework from emerged codes and grouping codes. Thematic analysis is a method used in qualitative research to identify, analyse, and report patterns (themes) within data. It is commonly used in the social sciences to analyse data from interviews, focus groups and

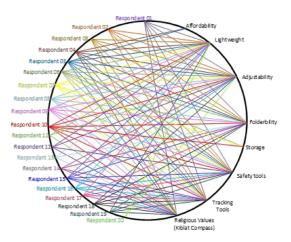


Figure 2: Thematic Code Result Spider Web

written texts. The process of thematic analysis involves breaking down the data into smaller units, identifying patterns and themes, and interpreting the meaning of those themes in relation to the research question. It is an iterative process and can involve coding, memo-writing, and constant comparison to identify themes and patterns. Below are the thematic variables mentioned by the respondents:

Table 1: Thematic Code Result % (N=20)

No	Thematic Coding	Frequency	Percentage
1	Tracking tools	16	13.7%
2	Adjustability	21	17.9%
3	Religious values	11	9.4%
4	Foldability	19	16.2%
5	Light weight	17	14.5%
5	Safety tools	16	13.7%
7	Storage	8	7.3%
8	Affordability	2	5%
Total		113	100%

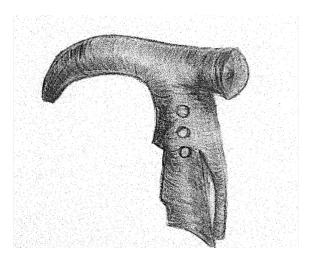


Figure 3: Adjustability

Theme 1: Adjustability: Adjusting the height of something refers to the ability to change the vertical distance between the base or foundation and the top of the item. When hiking, adjusting the height of a hiking stick can be important for comfort and safety. This can be done by loosening the adjustment mechanism, if the stick has one, and then adjusting the length to the desired height.

Theme 2: Foldability: refers to the ability of an object or device to be folded or collapsed into a smaller and more compact size. Foldability allows for easy storage and transportation and can be especially useful for people with limited space. This is particularly useful for backpackers and hikers who are traveling to remote or wilderness areas, as it allows them to conserve space in their pack without sacrificing the benefits of using a hiking stick.

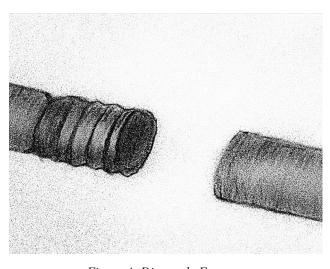


Figure 4: Dismantle Features

There are several types of compact hiking sticks available, each with their own design. Some hiking sticks can be folded in half and locked in place, while others can be broken down into multiple sections that can be screwed or snapped together. Some hiking sticks can be collapsed to a shorter size when not in use.

Theme 3: Light: A hiking stick is a type of hiking equipment that is designed to be lightweight, yet durable, and provide support while hiking on rough terrain. These sticks are typically made from lightweight materials such as aluminium, carbon fibre or some type of composite material. Lightweight refers to something that is easy to carry or move because it is not very heavy. It can also refer to a material or object that is designed to be as lightweight as possible, such as a piece of equipment made from lightweight materials.

Theme 4: Safety tools: Safety tools refer to equipment or devices that are designed to protect individuals from injury or harm in various settings. These tools can include personal protective equipment (PPE) such as hard hats, safety goggles, and respirators, as well as safety devices such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and emergency exit signs. Other examples of safety tools include lockout/tagout devices, fall protection equipment, and first aid kits. In general, safety tools are used to minimize risks and prevent accidents in the workplace, home, and other environments.

Theme 5: Tracking Tools: Tracking tools are software or devices that are used to track and monitor the movement or location of people, vehicles, or other assets. Some examples of tracking tools include GPS (Global Positioning System) trackers, which use satellite technology to determine the precise location of an object or person in real-time.



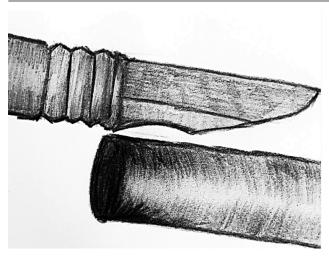


Figure 5: Safety Tool

Conclusions

Smart hiking stick is a hiking equipment that incorporates technology such as GPS, internet connectivity, and sensors. GPS tracking and navigation allows hikers to track their location and progress and navigate trails using real-time mapping and location data. Some smart hiking sticks come with Bluetooth connectivity to connect with a smartphone, which enables the user to track the data, and receive notifications or calls. These tools can help hikers navigate trails, stay safe, and track their progress, and make the hiking experience more enjoyable.

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