

**A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF ROAD TRAFFIC NOISE ON
SCHOOLS IN THE SEBERANG PERAI TENGAH DISTRICT,
PULAU PINANG**

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the impact of road traffic noise on schools in the Seberang Perai Tengah (SPT) District, Pulau Pinang. It determines the relationship between road traffic noise and operating speed of vehicles, the relationship between road traffic noise and traffic volume and also to compare the noise exposure level with the World Health Organization (WHO) standard. The field works involved are the determination of the noise level, speed of vehicles, as well as the traffic volume. The result showed that there is no direct relationship between noise level and speed of vehicles and noise level and traffic volume. Noise level is a function of various contributors. This study also showed that the noise exposure level from all the 10 sites exceeded the WHO standard {55 dB (A)}.

Keywords: Road Traffic Noise, Speed of Vehicle, Noise Level, Traffic Volume.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Seberang Perai Tengah is one of the districts in Pulau Pinang. At present, this district is congested with visitors from local or outside. The growth of development in Pulau Pinang, has more attracted to come into the area. Facilities such as office space, government complexes, school, hospital, business, finance institution, etc all provide attractors to the visitors

From the Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) vehicle statistics it was found that, Pulau Pinang has 1,409,780 numbers of registered vehicles. This figure increases from year to year. It is logical to the level of noise pollution will also increase because of the additional numbers of vehicle.

The strategic location has make intention to other people to visit this district. Beside that at Seberang Perai Tengah also have shopping complex, shop and the market to buy a product or any goods compare to Seberang Perai Utara and Seberang Perai Selatan. So, the people can get the services and facilities.

When the increasing the numbers of people, so the district needed must be considering. This is to make sure the people are satisfied with the situation at Seberang Perai Tengah. This is because for the visitor leisure when comes to the town.