

Civil Engineering Library - Public Services

Key Message: The Civil Engineering Library is the central reference library for the Civil Engineering and Development Department. Some of the library services are available to non-government users, including members of the public.

Introduction

The Civil Engineering Library (CEL) is the central reference library of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) managed by the Planning Division of the Geotechnical Engineering Office. The CEL was established to provide services to CEDD staff which is also open to staff from other government departments and non-government users, including members of the public. The CEL contains over 190 000 items, including periodicals, books, conference proceedings, manuals, standards, codes of practice, geotechnical reports, maps, documents submitted to the GEO in support of private developments, and documents produced by or for government departments. The collection has particular emphasis on subjects related to civil and geotechnical engineering as well as new town development.

Geotechnical Information Unit

The Geotechnical Information Unit (GIU) forms part of the CEL and houses a collection of geotechnical data from ground investigations throughout the territory of Hong Kong. The following GIU materials¹ are among those available for inspection by non-government users:

- ground investigation reports, including geophysical surveys and groundwater monitoring data²;
- reports on the laboratory testing of soil and rock, including chemical and biological testing²; and
- landslip record cards.

Retrieval of ground investigation and laboratory testing reports is also supported by the “Digital Geotechnical Information Unit” (DGIU) system” under the “Geotechnical Information Infrastructure” (GInfo) system. The systems support spatial and textual searches to help users locate the needed information efficiently. The user’s manuals for both GInfo and DGIU systems are provided in the CEL.

¹ Boulder Field Inventory, Enhanced Natural Terrain Landslide Inventory and location plans for government slopes and hillside catchments which have been upgraded and mitigated or which are included in current works contracts under the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme (LPMitP), which were previously included in the GIU, can now be assessed via Hong Kong Slope Safety website (<http://hkss.cedd.gov.hk/hkss/eng/sis.aspx>).

² AGS data of some ground investigation reports and soil and rock laboratory testing reports are available.

Other Information

Members of the public are not permitted to borrow material from the CEL. Nevertheless, reading facilities, together with pay photocopying and printing services are provided.

General enquiries and comments on library services may be directed to:

The Assistant Librarian,
LG1, Civil Engineering and Development Building,
101 Princess Margaret Road,
Homantin, Kowloon.
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The CEL service hours for non-government users are as follows:

Monday to Friday 9:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:00

(Closed on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays)

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