

A Survey on Building Safety After Completing The Construction Process in Malaysia Using Statistical Approach

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Abstract— Building condition is an important issue in all over the world to enhance safety, health and sustainability of built environment. The objective of this study is to determine the most frequent causes of building failures in order to avoid the building from collapses, cracks and so on. The collection of data has been done among the engineers, workers and public. The questionnaire was distributed among engineers, contractors and public with 100 respondents. This survey focuses on two main parts of the safety which are building design and building management. The building designs are divided into four main criteria which are building structure, service design, building fitting and hazard environment. Meanwhile, the item of building management is focused on the management criteria. Results are analysed using statistical approach. Structural equation modeling (SEM) is used to evaluate the efficiency of the models' fitness and goodness. The survey shows that all criteria are importantly needed in maintaining the safety of building after completing the contraction process.

Keywords— building design; building management; structural equation modelling (SEM)

I. INTRODUCTION

Building condition is an important issue in all over the world to enhance safety, health and sustainability of built environment. In construction industry, the case of building collapse after completing the construction process happens although the building has been received the Certificate of Fitness for Occupation (CFO). The building design and building management contribute to the building failures. There are building designs that neglect external disasters such as typhoon, earthquake, flood and fire. In [1] defined the structural failure as the reduction of the capability of a structural system or component to such a degree that it cannot safely serve its intended purpose. In [2] discovered 225 cases of building failures that occurred on 1989 to 2000.

The earthquake that struck the Canterbury region of New Zealand on February 22nd, 2011 requires all new buildings in New Zealand are able to withstand a moderate earthquake. The buildings such as hospitals and police stations need to be able to withstand a higher level of shaking than a building with only a few occupants and less requirement for business [3]. The fire safety engineering design of concrete structures

in Indonesia is principally based on the individual member from results of isolated beams, columns and slabs tested in small furnaces. However, researchers identify that the behaviour of individual isolated members is significantly different from the behaviour of the complete structure connected together when subjected to fire [4].

Extreme winds may cause damage to low-rise buildings in the form of windows damage, roof loss or even complete collapse of wooden structures. In tall buildings, both cladding loads and the dynamics of the structure become a concern. The uses of high strength, lightweight materials, longer floor spans and more flexible framing systems result in structures that are more prone to vibrations [5]. In [6] studied that many building defect complaints are reported in public buildings such as ceiling collapse in Parliament building in the year 2006, leaking pipes in Official Court Jalan Duta, Kuala Lumpur and fungal appearance at the Sultanah Aminah Hospital Johor in Year 2007.

Highland Tower, an apartment building, collapsed in Selangor, where about 48 people dead. Roof collapse at Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin Stadium on 2nd June 2009, a year after officially opened to host the SUKMA Games.

Structural failure is the major causes of building collapses and followed by faulty design, poor workmanship, substandard materials, building usage, illegal conversion, inexperienced contractor and surrounding building [7]. In [8] reported that building collapse occurs due to the failure of design and management. The building design refers to the structure, service, and fitting while building management refers to the evacuation plan, safety education and security management.

Structural equation modeling (SEM) is used to evaluate the goodness of fit of the model. Several measures is being used such as Chi-square/degree of freedom (CMIN), Goodness of fit index (GFI), Normalized fit index (NFI), Incremental fix index (IFI), Tucker-Lewis index (TLI), Comparative fit index (CFI), Akaike information criterion (AIC) and Root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA). CMIN is the ratio of Chi-square statistics and degree of freedom. The value of CMIN 3 or less than is assumed to be a good fit with observed data [9]. The values of GFI, NFI, IFI, TLI and CFI was ranging from 0 to 1, the value GFI, NFI, IFI and TLI greater than 0.90 and value greater than 0.95 for CFI indicated as a good fit [10-13]. The range value for RMSEA indicated as the value 0 interpreted as an exact fit, values less than 0.05 are close fit where value between 0.05-0.08 are a fair fit, values between 0.08 and 0.10 are mediocre fit and the values more than 0.10 are presented as a poor fit [11]. The AIC value indicates that the smaller value, the better the model for the comparison of the model [12].

Therefore, the survey on safety of the building is carried out through this study. The collection of data has been done among the engineers, workers, and public. The objective of this study is to determine the most frequent causes of building failures in order to avoid the building from

collapses. This paper consists of four sections; introduction, research method, results and discussion, and conclusion.

II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

The collection of data has been done among the engineers, workers, and public. The questionnaire was distributed based Table 1 and Table 2 among engineers, contractors and public with 100 respondents. The study focused on two parts which are building design and building management (refer Table 1 and Table 2).

Table 1 and Table 2 are summarized in Fig. 1, where the variables in this figure are divided into two parts unobserved and endogenous variables. Unobserved variables include four subcriteria which are structure, building fitting, management, and weather. The rest of the subcriteria are the endogenous variable which are beam, roof, slabs, drainage, ladder, electricity supply, lighting, ventilation, plumbing and sanitary services, fire services, lifts, emergency door, foyers area, water fountain, utility area, emergency generator, flood, earthquake, fire, typhoon, security management, emergency evacuation plan, documentation and evaluation, safety education, security management, occupant safety management and waste and cleaning services.

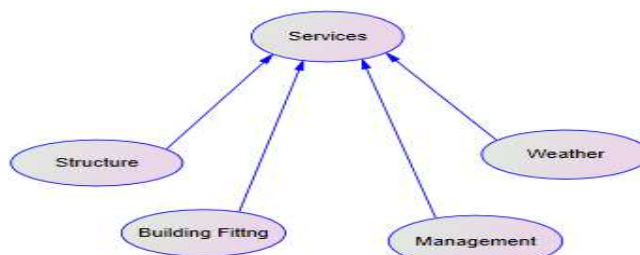


Fig. 1 Conceptual framework SEM

TABLE I
CRITERIA ON BUILDING DESIGN

Item	Criteria	Subcriteria	Sources
Building Design	Structure	Beam [3]	The beam is the main structure in determining the safeness of building.
		Roof [5, 7]	Roof not being properly erected resulted into misalignment, no quality control on site, materials, and workmanship were not in accordance with specifications and led to the collapse of the building.
		Slabs [14]	The structure of slab important to avoid an accident at the work places.
		Drainage [14-15]	The bathroom floor drains were believed to be a contributing factor to the outbreak of the building.
		Ladder [15]	The structure of ladder is important to avoid the condition become worse in an emergency situation.
	Services Design	Electricity Supply [8, 14-15]	Electricity supply can be the main factor of fire of the building.
		Lighting [8, 16]	Lighting fittings in buildings can prevent the occurrence of accidents.
		Ventilation [8]	The right ventilation and building care can prevent and fix indoor air quality problems.
		Plumbing and Sanitary Services [8]	The plumbing and sanitary services are a key position to influence the water efficiency, sustainable site, energy, fire protection and pollution systems of a facility.
		Fire Services [15, 17-19]	Provision of fire service in every building should be equipped with all of the fire extinguishers and escape plan.
		Lifts [14, 15]	Since malfunctioning of lifts and escalators can lead to disastrous consequences, owners are bound by law to ensure lifts and escalators are in proper working order whenever they are in use.

TABLE III
CRITERIA ON BUILDING DESIGN AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

Item	Criteria	Subcriteria	Sources
Building Design	Building Fitting	Emergency Door [4, 17]	Emergency door important to escape from fire.
		Foyers Area [17]	Foyers area is required for gathering in the emergency case.
		Water Fountain [15]	All the section of the building must be prepared the water fountain.
		Utility Area [14]	The utility room has several uses but typically functions as an area to do laundry. The room is also used for closet organization and storage.
	Hazard Environment	Emergency Generator [15, 17]	An emergency generator is needed especially when the electricity supply breaks off.
		Flood [2]	External events such as rain, wind, snow and maintenance deficiencies have been identified as the most frequent to building collapse.
		Earthquake [3, 20]	The structure of building must be able to withstand of shaking.
		Fire [4, 19]	The building should be completed with an emergency plan and at high safety level.
Building Management	Management	Typhoon [2, 5]	External events such as rain, wind, snow and maintenance deficiencies have been identified as the most frequent to building collapse.
		Security Management [8]	The management of building should be provided the security.
		Emergency Evacuation Plan [8, 19]	All the buildings must be prepared with the emergency evacuation plan.
		Documentation and Evaluation [8, 15]	The safety of building should be evaluated before using the building.
		Safety Education [8, 21]	The public should know the safety education.
		Occupant Safety Management [8, 19]	Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of building occupants has expanded beyond disease prevention and nuisance control to include mental as well as physical health and protecting the ecological health of a place.
Waste and Cleaning Services [8, 15]	Cleaning and waste services as part of its facilities management solutions		

Based on all subcriteria, the correlation analysis [24] is used to identify the relationships between all the subcriteria. Next, the structural equation modeling (SEM) is used to identify all the significant factors of the subcriteria. After that, this study used the Chi-square/degree of freedom (CMIN) where the value of CMIN is 3 or less than assumed to be a good fit with the observed data [9]. Next Goodness of fit index (GFI), Normalized fit index (NFI), Incremental fit index (IFI), Tucker-Lewis index (TLI), Comparative fit index (CFI) where the values of GFI, NFI, IFI, TLI and CFI was ranging from 0 to 1, the value GFI, NFI, IFI and TLI greater than 0.90 and value greater than 0.95 for CFI indicated as a good fit [10-13]. Besides, it also used the Akaike information criterion (AIC) and Root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA). The range value for RMSEA indicated as the value 0 interpreted as an exact fit, values less than 0.05 are a close fit, where value between 0.05-0.08 are a fair fit, values between 0.08 and 0.10 are mediocre fit and the values more than 0.10 are presented as a poor fit [11]. The AIC value indicates that the smaller value, the better the model for the comparison of the model [12]. All the computations and results are explained in the next section.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

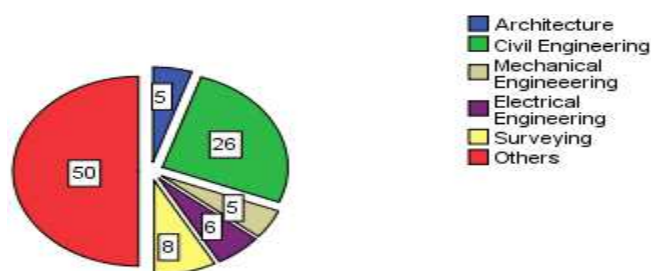


Fig. 2 Respondent academic background

The collection of data has been done among the architecture, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, surveying and others as workers and public. The questionnaire was distributed to 100 respondents which can be seen in Fig. 2. Most of the respondent were male which is 73 and followed by female which only 27. The respondent age group which had the largest respondents was the group of 25-35 years old which was 50. Category age of 36-45 years old were 31. Category age of 46-55 years old were 13. And the least category age among the respondent was the group of below 25 years old which were

only 6. Most of the respondent were government officials which consist of 56 out of 100 and followed by private 17 and others by 27. It is also shown that most of the respondent length of service were less than 5 years and 10-14 years which are 34 out of 100 and followed by 5-9 years and 15 years above were 16.

The building safety is one of the most important parts before it is safe to be occupied. The questionnaire consists of two parts which refer to the building design and building management. The percentage of each item of building safeness after completing the construction process was showed in the next section. The building design consists of four main questions which are structure, services design, building fitting and structure of the building by hazard environment. The structure consists of five main subcriteria which are beam, roof, slabs, drainage and ladder. Whereas, the service design consist of six subcriteria which are electricity supply, lighting, ventilation, plumbing and sanitary services, fire services and lifts. Moreover, the building fitting consists of emergency doors, foyers area, water fountain, utility area and emergency generator. The structure of building in considering the hazard environment was consisting of flood, earthquake, fire and typhoon. Whereas, the building management consist management approaches in considering the safeness after completing the construction process. The building management consists of six subcriteria which are security management, emergency evacuation plan, documentation and evaluation, safety education, occupant safety management and waste and cleaning services. The reliability statistic shows that the value of Cronbach's alpha is 0.908 as in Table 3. As the value were closer to 1, the more reliable the scale of our variable [22].

TABLE III
RELIABILITY STATISTICS

Cronbach's Alpha	N of Subcriteria
0.908	26

A. Structure

Fig. 3 until Fig. 7 show the results of distributed questionnaires for building safeness on the structure. Details on full explanations are discussed as follows;

Fig. 3 shows the percentage of building safeness for beam after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 30 respondents agreed that 100% is needed to complete the beam for the building safeness. Whereas 28 respondents agreed that 90% complete, 17 respondents agreed 80% complete, 16 respondents agreed 70% complete, 8 respondents agreed 60% complete, and only 1 respondent agreed 50% or less need to be completed.

Fig. 4 shows the roof percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 33 respondents said 90% need to complete the roof of the building to be safe. Whereas 24 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 26 respondents agreed 80% complete, 11 respondents agreed 70% complete, 8 respondents agreed 60% complete and only 6 respondents agreed 50% or less need to be completed. Whereas, Fig. 5 shows the slabs percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As showed below, 32 respondents said

80% need to complete the roof of the building to be safe. Others, the 22 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 28 respondents agreed 90% complete, 12 respondents agreed 70% complete, and 6 respondents agreed 60% need to be completed.

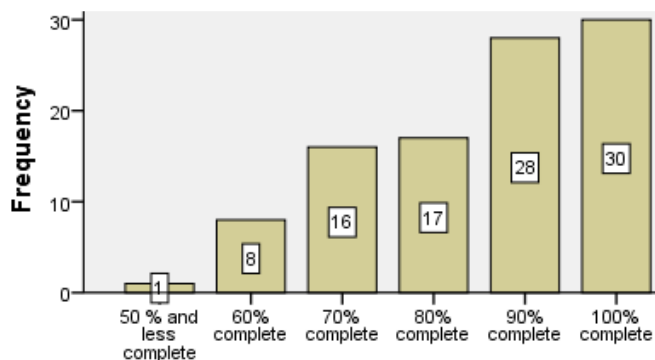


Fig. 3 Beam

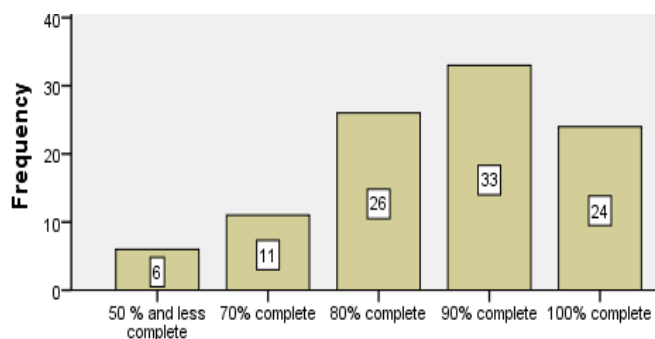


Fig. 4 Roof

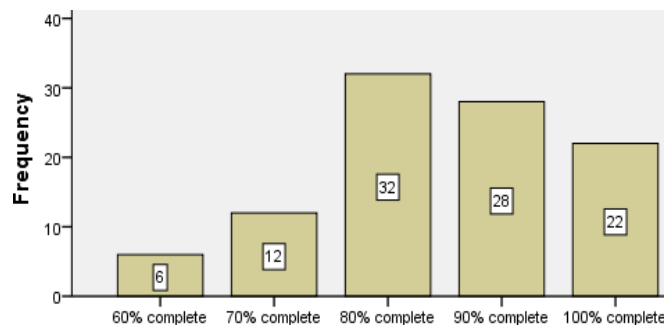


Fig. 5 Slabs

Fig. 6 shows the drainage percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As showed above, 32 respondents said 80% need to complete the drainage of the building to be safe. Others, the 22 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 28 respondents agreed 90% complete, 12 respondents agreed 70% complete, and 6 respondent agreed 60% need to be completed. Fig. 7 shows the ladder percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As showed below, 35 respondents said 80% need to complete the ladder of the building to be safe. Others, 27 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 14 respondents agreed 90% complete, 18 respondents agreed 70% complete, 5 respondents agreed 60% complete, and only 1 respondent agree 50% or less need to be completed.

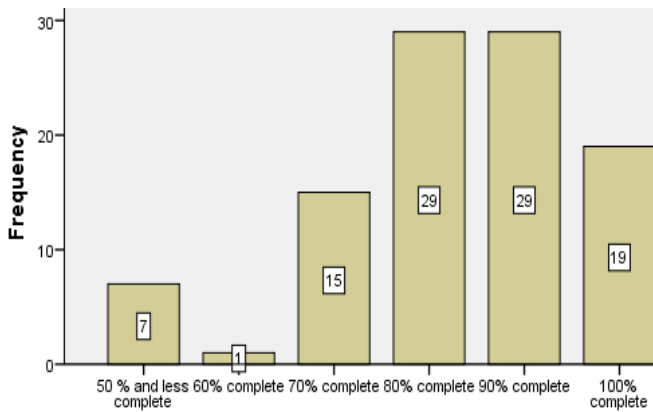


Fig. 6 Drainage

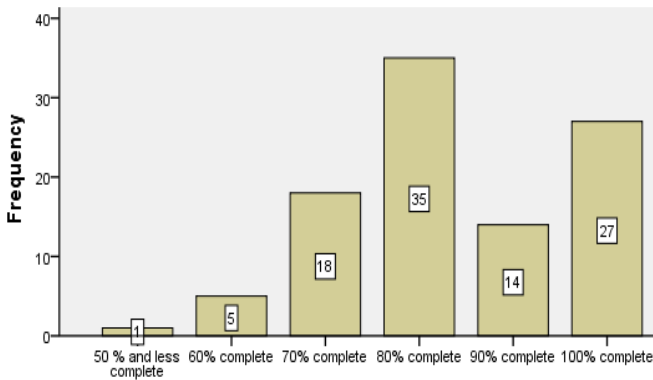


Fig. 7 Ladder

B. Services Design

Then, Fig. 8 until Fig. 13 show the results of distributed questionnaires for building safeness on design. Details on full explanations are discussed as follows.

Fig. 8 explains the electricity supply percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 34 respondents said 100% need to complete the electricity of the building to be safe. Whereas 28 respondents agreed that 90% complete, 27 respondents agreed 80% complete, 3 respondents agreed 70% complete, 4 respondents agreed 60% complete, and 4 respondents agreed 50% or less need to be completed. Whereas, Fig. 9 shows the lighting percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 27 respondents said 100% need to complete the lighting of the building to be safe. Whereas 23 respondents agreed that 90% complete, 25 respondents agreed 80% complete, 21 respondents agreed 70% complete, and 4 respondents agreed 60% need to be completed.

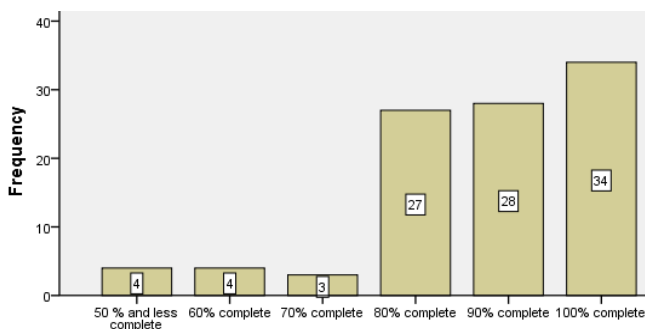


Fig. 8 Electricity supply

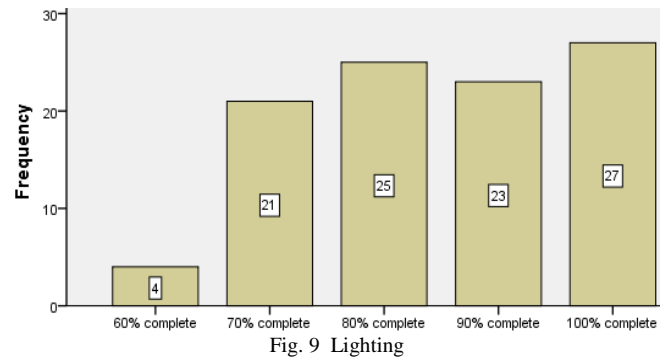


Fig. 9 Lighting

Fig. 10 discusses the ventilation percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 33 respondents said 80% need to complete the ventilation of the building to be safe. Whereas 24 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 13 respondents agreed 90% complete, 17 respondents agreed 70% complete, and 13 respondents agreed 60% need to be completed. Whereas, Fig. 11 shows the plumbing and sanitary service percentage of building safeness after complete the construction process. As can be seen, 29 respondents said 100% need to complete the plumbing and sanitary service of the building to be safe. Whereas 25 respondents agreed that 90% complete, 19 respondents agreed 80% complete, 20 respondents agreed 70% complete, 3 respondents agreed 60%, and only 4 respondents agreed 50% or less need to be completed.

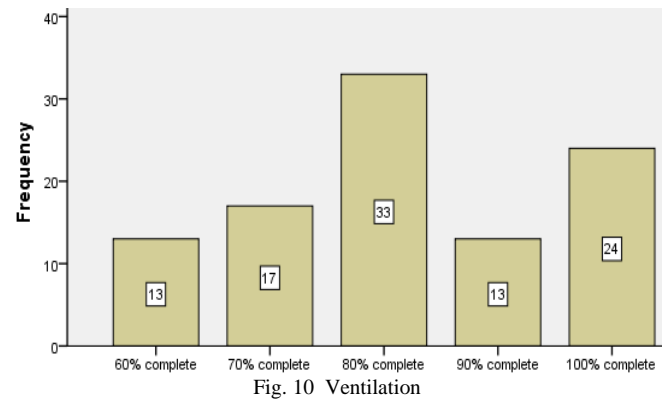


Fig. 10 Ventilation

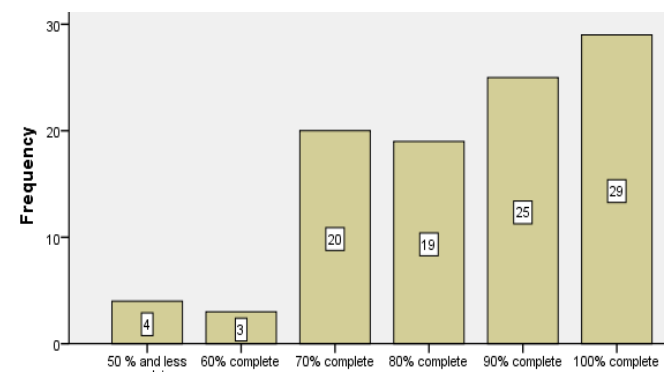


Fig. 11 Plumbing and sanitary service

Fig. 12 describes the fire services percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 39 respondents said 100% need to complete the fire services of the building to be safe. Whereas 27 respondents

agreed that 90% complete, 20 respondents agreed 80% complete, 12 respondents agreed 70% complete and only 2 respondents agreed 50% or less need to be completed. Moreover, Fig. 13 describes the lifts percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 30 respondents said 100% need to complete the lifts of the building to be safe. Whereas 26 respondents agreed that 90% complete, 24 respondents agreed 80% complete, 19 respondents agreed 70% complete, and only 1 respondent was agreed 50% or less need to be completed.

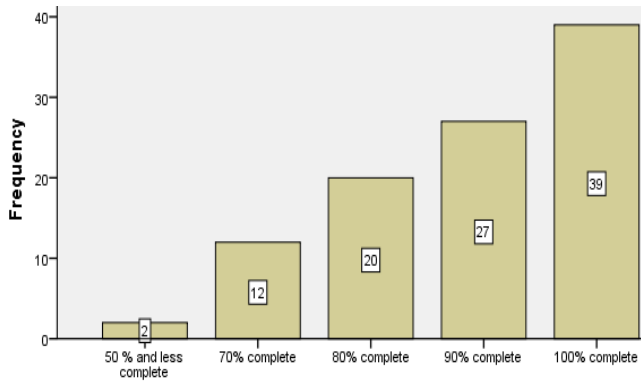


Fig. 12 Fire services

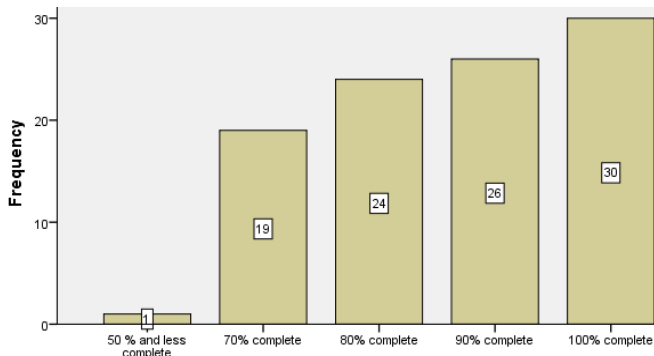


Fig. 13 Lifts

C. Building Fitting

Then, Fig. 14 until Fig. 18 explain the results of distributed questionnaires for building safeness on building fitting. Details on full explanations are discussed as follows.

Fig. 14 explains the emergency door percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 46 respondents said 90% need to complete the emergency door of the building to be safe. Whereas 32 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 7 respondents agreed 80% complete, 11 respondents agreed 70% complete, and only 4 respondents agreed 60% need to be completed. Moreover, Fig. 15 discusses the foyer area percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 39 respondents said 100% need to complete the foyers area of the building to be safe. Whereas 21 respondents agreed that 90% complete, 19 respondents agreed 80% complete, 18 respondents agreed 70% complete, and only 3 respondents agreed 60% need to be completed.

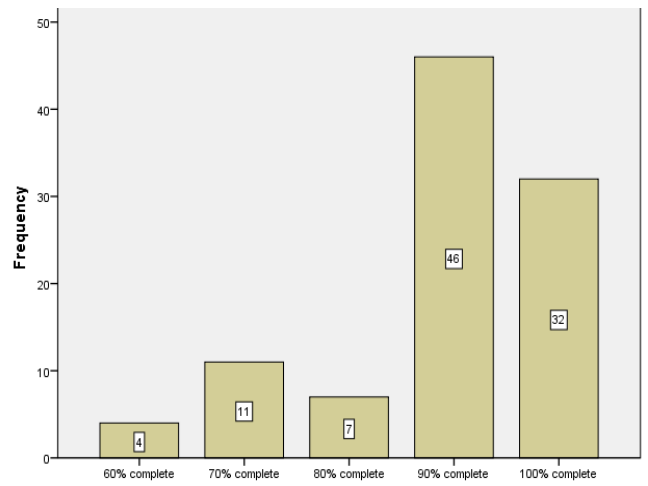


Fig. 14 Emergency door

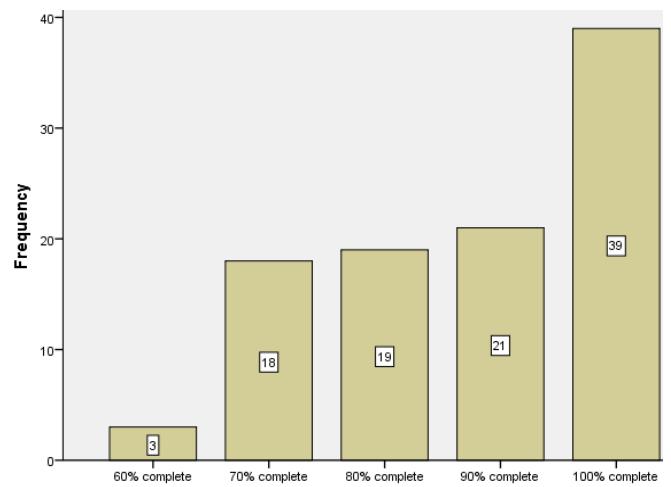


Fig. 15 Foyers area

Fig. 16 describes the utility area percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 33 respondents said 80% need to complete the utility area of the building to be safe. Whereas the 15 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 28 respondents agreed 90% complete, 17 respondents agreed 70% complete and only 7 respondents agreed 60% need to be completed. Moreover, Fig. 17 describes the water fountain percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 36 respondents said 100% need to completed the water fountain of the building to be safe. Whereas 15 respondents agreed that 90% complete, 16 respondents agreed 80% complete, 18 respondents agreed 70% complete, 13 respondent were agreed 60% complete, and only 2 respondents agreed 50% or less need to be completed. Furthermore, the Fig. 18 shows the emergency generator percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 35 respondents said 100% need to complete the emergency generator of the building to be safe. Whereas 16 respondents agreed that 90% complete, 32 respondents agreed 80% complete, 13 respondents agreed 70% complete and only 4 respondents agreed 50% or less need to be completed.

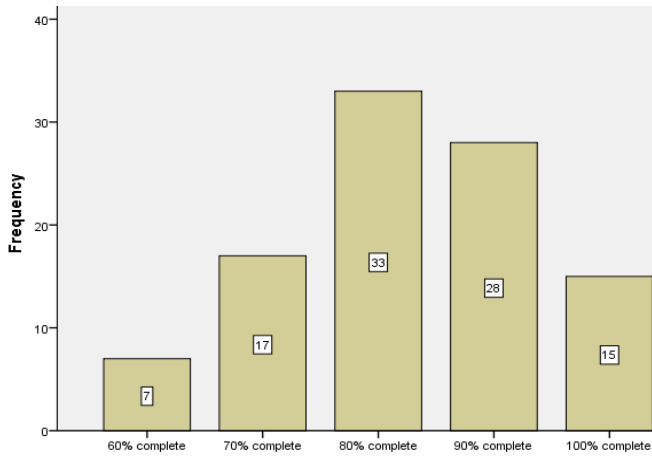


Fig. 16 Utility area

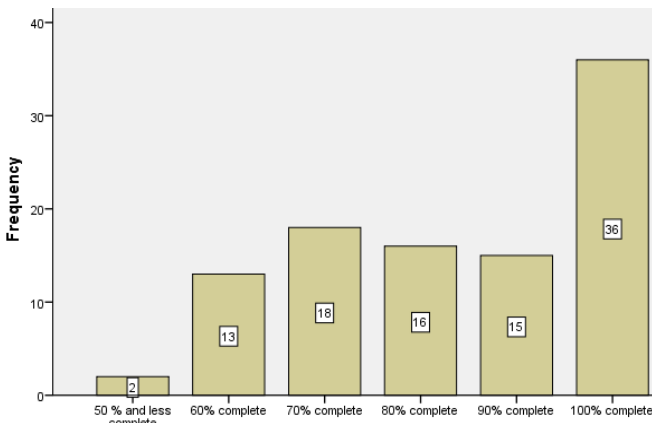


Fig. 17 Water fountain

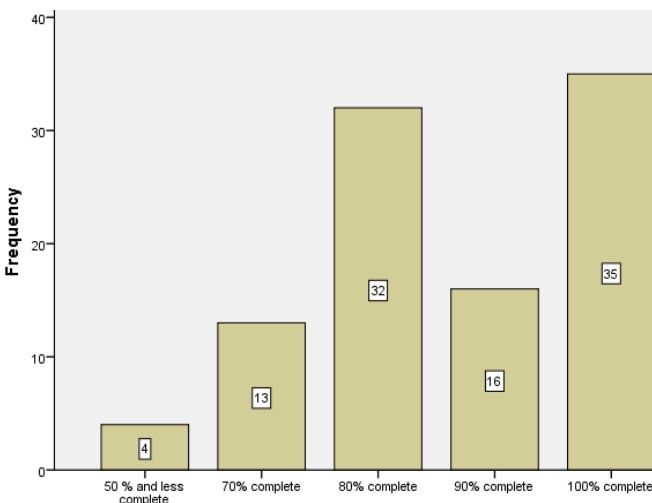


Fig. 18 Emergency generator

D. Structure of Building

Next, Fig. 19 until Fig. 22 explain the results of distributed questionnaires for building safeness towards disasters' environment. Details on full explanations are discussed as follows.

Fig. 19 explains the flood percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 44 respondents said 90% need to completed as building to be safe. Whereas 26 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 16 respondents agreed 80% complete, 8 respondents agreed 70% complete, 2 respondents agreed 60% complete, and

only 4 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed. Moreover, Fig. 20 explains the earthquake percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 41 respondents said 50% and less in prepare the earthquake of the building to be safe. Whereas 28 respondents agreed that 60% complete, 17 respondents agreed 70% complete, 9 respondents agreed 80% complete, 1 respondent was agreed 90% complete, and only 4 respondents agreed 100% need to be completed.

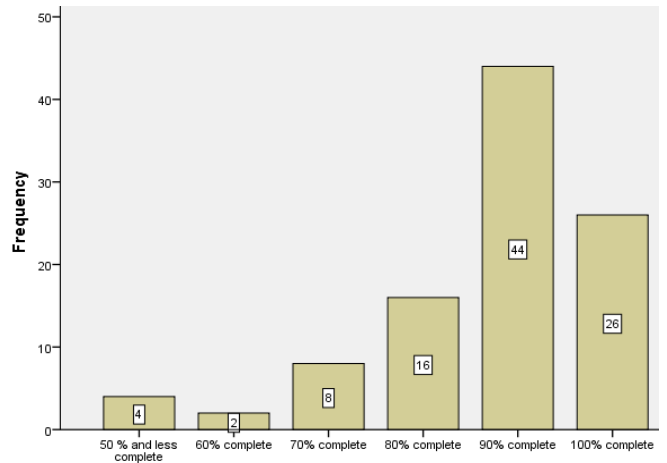


Fig. 19 Flood

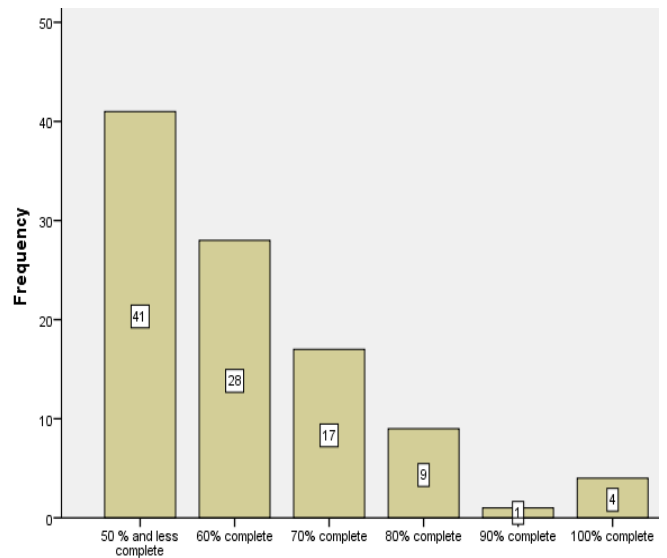


Fig. 20 Earthquake

Fig. 21 describes the fire percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 32 respondents said 90% need to completed as building to be safe. Whereas 21 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 21 respondents agreed 80% complete, 12 respondents agreed 70% complete, 5 respondents agreed 60% complete, and 9 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed.

Moreover, Fig. 22 describes the typhoon percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 22 respondents said 80% in prepare the typhoon of the building to be safe. Whereas 20 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 9 respondents agreed 90% complete, 15 respondents agreed 70% complete, 16

respondents agreed 60% complete, and 18 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed.

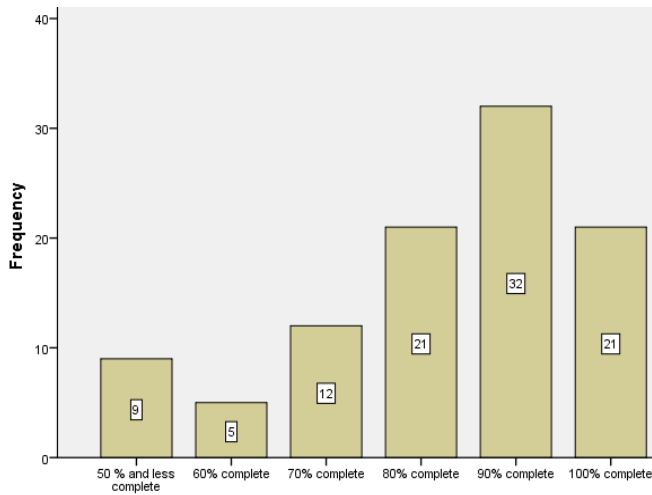


Fig. 21 Fire

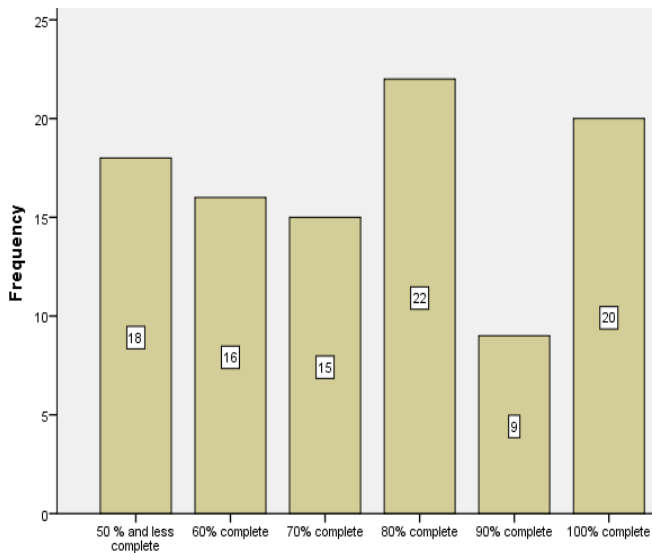


Fig. 22 Typhoon

E. Management

Lastly, Fig. 23 until Fig. 25 discussed the results of distributed questionnaires for building safeness towards security management. Details on full explanations are discussed as follows.

Fig. 23 discussed the security management percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 40 respondents said 90% need to complete the security management of the building to be safe. Whereas 22 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 21 respondent were agreed 80% complete, 11 respondents agreed 70% complete, 3 respondents agreed 60% complete, and only 3 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed. Moreover, Fig. 24 discussed the emergency evacuation plan percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 29 respondents said 90% need to complete the emergency evacuation plan of the building to be safe. Whereas 23 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 17 respondents agreed 80% complete, 15 respondents agreed 70% complete, 14 respondents agreed 60% complete, and only 2 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed.

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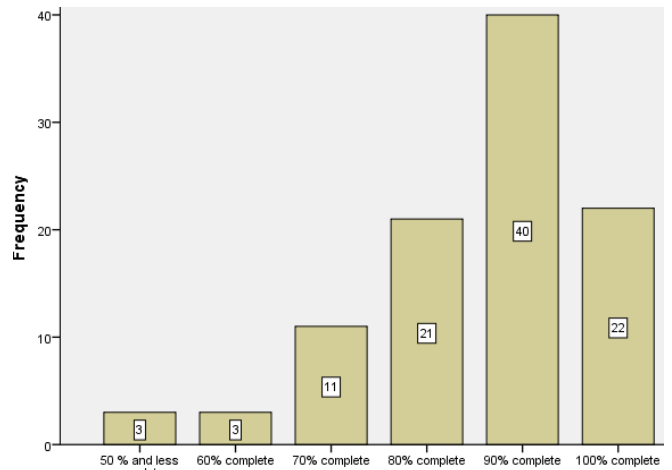


Fig. 23 Security management

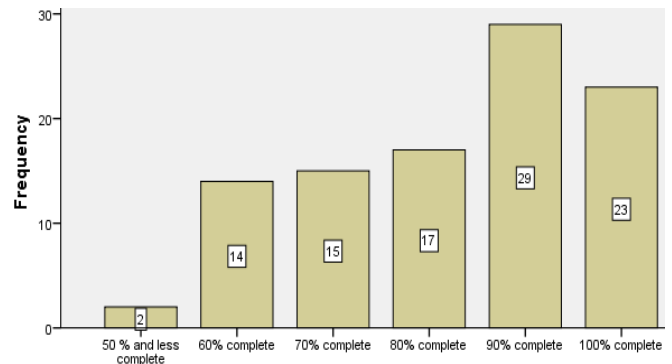


Fig. 24 Emergency evacuation plan

Fig. 25 discussed the documentation and evaluation percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 27 respondents said 80% need to complete the documentation and evaluation of the building to be safe. Whereas 14 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 18 respondents agreed 90% complete, 15 respondents agreed 70% complete, 21 respondents agreed 60% complete, and only 5 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed.

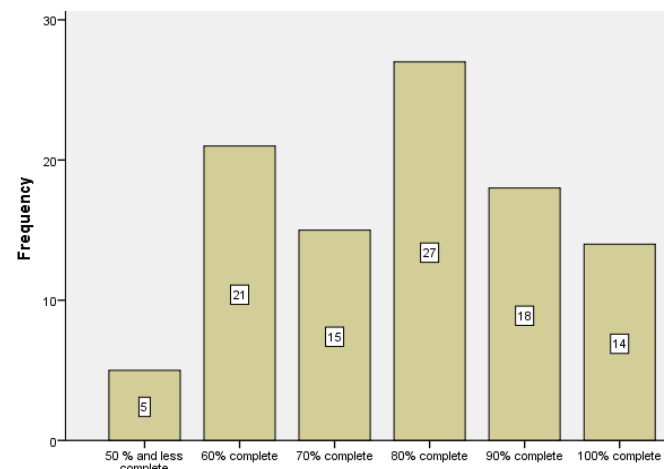


Fig. 25 Documentation and evaluation

Fig. 26 shows the safety education percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 36 respondent said 70% need to complete the safety education of the building to be safe. Whereas 8 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 7 respondents agreed 90% complete, 29 respondent were agree 80% complete, 16 respondents agreed 60% complete, and only 4 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed.

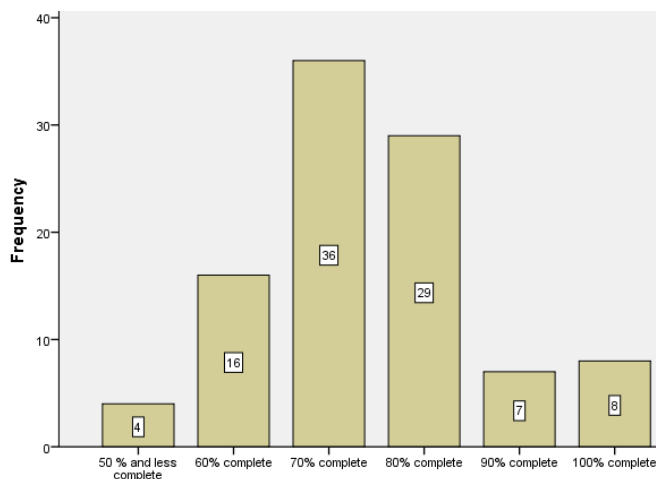


Fig. 26 Safety education

Fig. 27 shows the occupant safety education percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 42 respondents said 80% need to completed the occupant safety education of the building to be safe. Whereas 6 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 31 respondents agreed 90% complete, 14 respondents agreed 70% complete, 3 respondents agreed 60% complete, and only 4 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed.

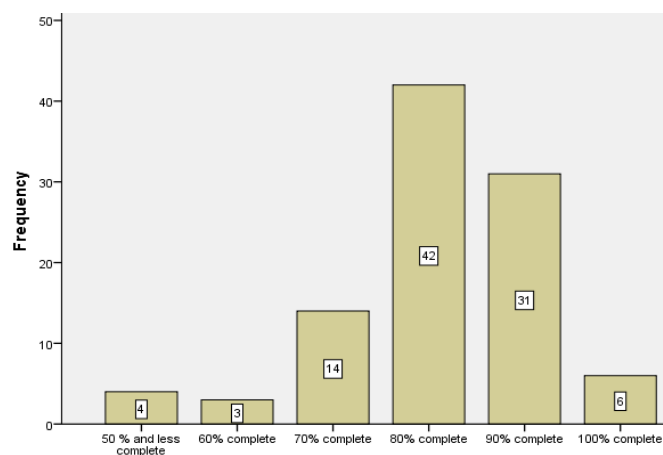


Fig. 27 Occupant safety education

Fig. 28 explains the waste and cleaning service percentage of building safeness after completing the construction process. As can be seen, 32 respondents said 90% need to completed the waste and cleaning service of the building to be safe. Whereas 26 respondents agreed that 100% complete, 7 respondents agreed 80% complete, 22 respondents agreed 70% complete, 10 respondents agreed 60% complete, and only 3 respondents agreed 50% and less need to be completed.

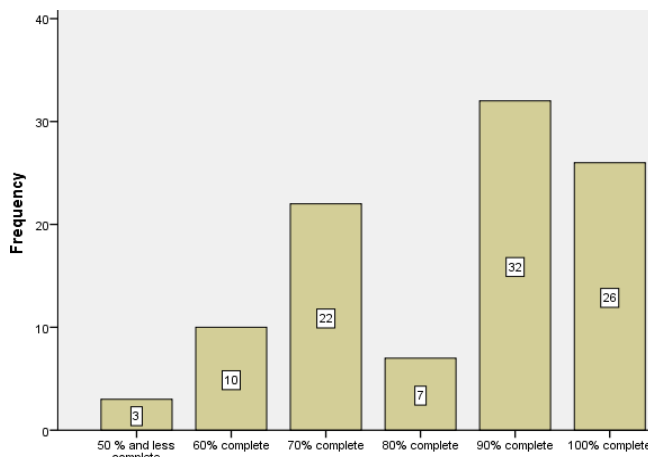


Fig. 28 Waste and cleaning services

F. Structural Equation Modelling

After completing the survey on building safeness towards all subcriteria on building design and management, then this section discusses on efficiency for all subcriteria using correlation, SEM, CMIN, GFI, NF, IFI, TFI, CFI, AIC, and RMSEA.

Table 4 discusses on the correlation between all subcriteria. A correlation of -1 indicates the negative correlation where +1 indicates the positive correlation. There are nine correlations between subcriteria that are a moderate correlation. It is between slabs and beam which is 0.560**, ventilation and slabs which is 0.549**, ventilation and electricity supply which is 0.516**, utility and drainage which is 0.528**, emergency generator and emergency door which is 0.522, emergency generator and utility area which is 0.589, flood and slabs which is 0.502**, security management and slabs which is 0.500**. It is found that this subcriteria have moderate correlation relationship between the subcriteria. The other correlations of the subcriteria also can be seen in Table 4.

Using the efficiency stated in Table 4, this study developed the proposed model of SEM for all subcriteria as follows.

Based on Fig. 29 the modification index (MI) provided by statistical software (AMOS 18.0) indicates that error covariance should be added are foyers area-water fountain, water fountain-ventilation, water fountain-roof, documentation and evaluation-safety education, emergency evacuation plan-flood, roof-fire, fire-lifts, plumbing-structure, roof-beam, drainage-beam, drainage-roof. The model was modified according to MI, as model 2 (Fig. 30). The Chi-Square value was reduced from model 1 to model 2 as Fig. 30, 637.877 to 453.656 and CMIN value was reduced from 2.161 to 1.609, GFI value index increased from 0.694 to 0.768, NFI increased from 0.490 to 0.638, IFI value increased from 0.642 to 0.823, TLI value increased from 0.592 to 0.787, CFI value increased from 0.630 to 0.815, AIC value decreased from 749.877 to 591.656 and RMSEA value decreased from 0.108 to 0.078.

TABLE IVV
ESTIMATES OF STANDARD REGRESSION WEIGHT BY SEM

Variables	Standard Regression Weight (β)
Services	
Electricity Supply	0.653***
Lighting	0.679***
Ventilation	0.720***
Plumbing and Sanitary Services	0.747
Fire Services	0.523***
Lifts	0.513***
Structures	
Beam	0.654***
Roof	0.610***
Slabs	0.755***
Drainage	0.646***
Ladder	0.602
Building Fitting	
Emergency Door	0.551***
Foyers Area	0.626***
Water Fountain	0.594***
Utility Area	0.763***
Emergency Generator	0.755
Weather	
Flood	0.720***
Earthquake	0.153
Fire	0.669***
Typhoon	0.571
Management	
Security Management	0.698***
Emergency Evacuation Plan	0.629***
Documentation and Evaluation	0.261*
Safety Education	0.077
Occupant Safety Management	0.452***
Waste and Cleaning Services	0.652
Services <--- Structure	0.863***
Structure <--- Building Fitting	0.468*
Structure <--- Weather	0.478*
Building Fitting <--- Management	0.747***

Note: Significant levels: ***p < 0.001, **p < 0.01, *p < 0.05

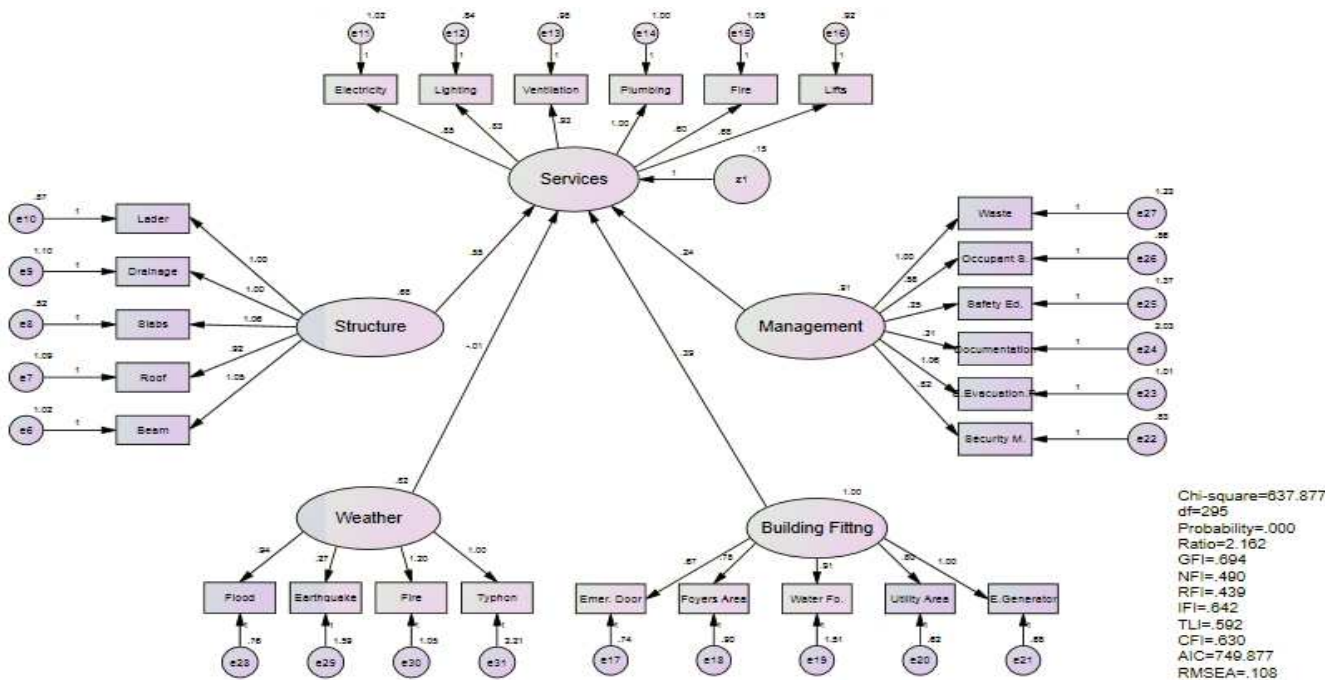


Fig. 29 Proposed model SEM

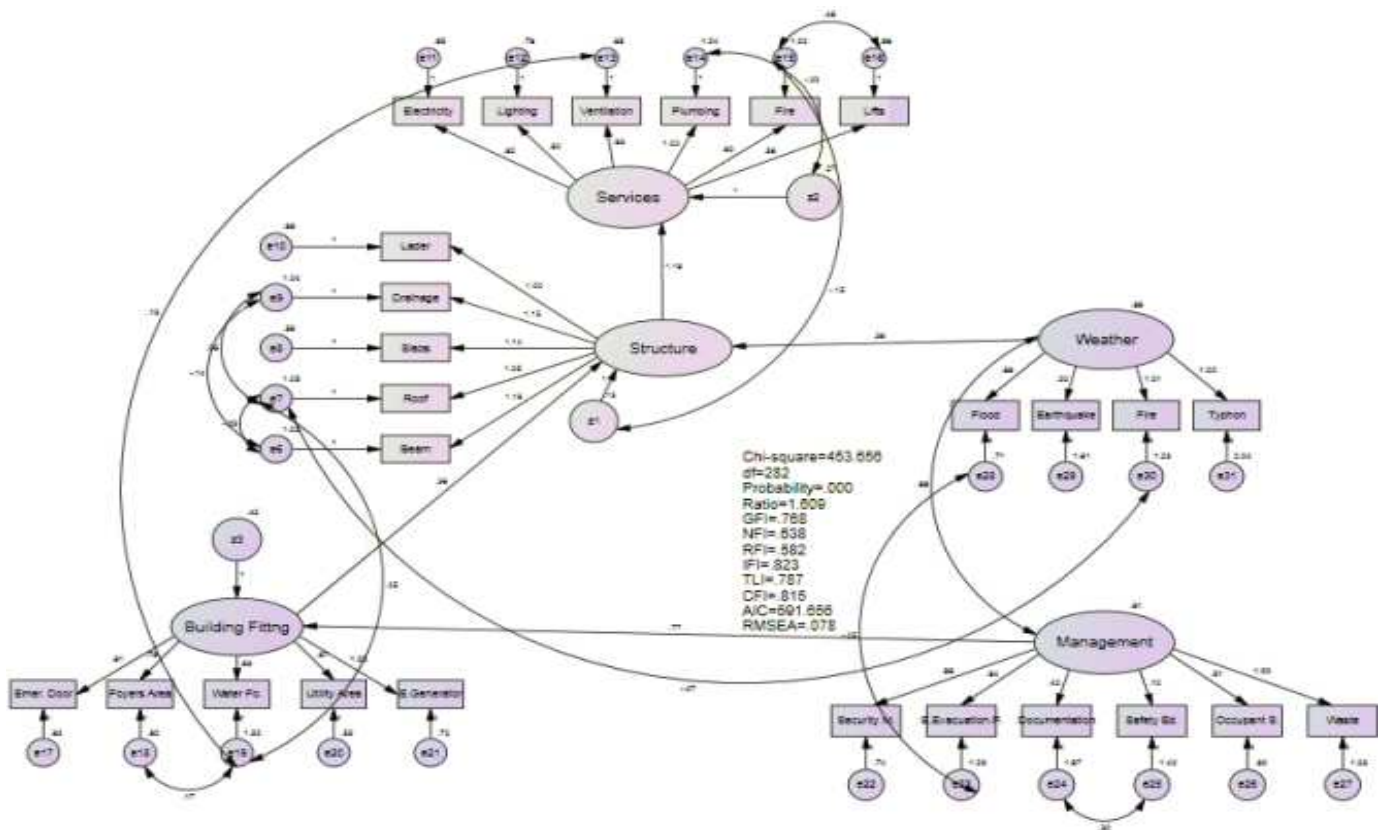


Fig. 30 Modification model SEM

Based on Fig. 30, it is seen that the entire model shows a good fit although some of the criteria were not followed as required. The CMIN value in this model was 1.609. The modification model shows the CMIN value of 3 or less is acceptable, and the model is assumed to be a good fit with the observed data. The RMSEA value in this model was 0.0787. The range value for RMSEA indicated as the value 0 interpreted as an exact fit, values less than 0.05 are a close fit, where value between 0.05-0.08 are a fair fit, values between 0.08 and 0.10 are mediocre fit and the values more than 0.10 are presented as a poor fit. Moreover, the modification model shows the value of GFI, NFI, IFI, TLI and CFI lesser than 0.90 as showed in the Fig. 30. Based on the results from CMIN and RMSEA value, the model shown is a fair fit model.

Based on all results, it was found that five main subcriteria services were statistically significant as seen in Table 4. The electricity supply ($\beta = 0.653$, $p < 0.001$), lighting ($\beta = 0.679$, $p < 0.001$), ventilation ($\beta = 0.720$, $p < 0.001$), fire services ($\beta = 0.523$, $p < 0.001$) and lifts ($\beta = 0.513$, $p < 0.001$) were statistically significant. Whereas, the plumbing and sanitary services were slightly insignificant. Moreover, the structure observation for four main subcriteria were statistically significant which are beam ($\beta = 0.654$, $p < 0.001$), roof ($\beta = 0.610$, $p < 0.001$), slabs ($\beta = 0.755$, $p < 0.001$) and drainage ($\beta = 0.523$, $p < 0.001$). Present study also shows that the emergency door ($\beta = 0.551$, $p < 0.001$), foyers area ($\beta = 0.626$, $p < 0.001$), water fountain ($\beta = 0.594$, $p < 0.001$) and utility area ($\beta = 0.763$, $p < 0.001$) were also statistically significant. Then, for weather only two of the subcriteria were statistically significant which are flood ($\beta =$

0.720 , $p < 0.001$) and fire ($\beta = 0.669$, $p < 0.001$), the rests are slightly insignificant. Then, the earthquake and typhoon subcriteria also shown slightly insignificant. The management observation also shows 4 subcriteria statistically significant which are security management ($\beta = 0.698$, $p < 0.001$), emergency evacuation plan ($\beta = 0.629$, $p < 0.001$), documentation and evaluation ($\beta = 0.720$, $p < 0.05$) and occupant safety management ($\beta = 0.452$, $p < 0.001$). The slightly insignificant is maybe due to the limited questionnaire survey.

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented a survey on building safety using a statistical approach. The safety of the building is focused on two major parts which are the building design and building management. The building designs are divided into building structure [23], service design, building fitting and hazard environment. Whereas, building management focus on management. 100 questionnaire surveys were distributed among selected engineers, contractors and public throughout Malaysia. The survey on the building safety after completing the construction process is successfully discussed. The results are analysed using a statistical approach. In light of the results, it can be concluded that the proposed method is able to reach the optimum concerned in maintaining the safety of the building after completing the construction process. This is just the beginning of surveying the building safety, thus for our future work, we aim to apply other mathematical methods in solving the problems on constructions.

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