What Happen to Underground during Earthquake

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Effects of Earthquake on Underground Structures

- What should we learn from Earthquakes in other countries, e.g. Kobe, Taiwan, and Singapore
- Investigation results on damages to underground structures due to the Earthquake
- How can we protect our underground structures
 from Earthquakes



Fault Zones Around the World









Famous Picture of Collapsed Hanshin-Expressway

Investigation on Underground Structures After Kobe Earthquake

- (1) <u>Daikai Station</u>, Kobe Express Railway: completely destroyed
- (2) <u>Kobe Station</u>, Kobe Express Railway: unharmed
- (3) <u>Sannomiya Station</u>, Kobe City Subway, damaged
- (4) Kencho-Mae Station, Kobe City Subway, unharmed
- (5) <u>Sanchika Underground Shopping Mall</u>, unharmed



Destroyed RC pillar at center of B1 concourse floor



About 100 m of National Highway above the Daikai Station had settled by up to 3 to 4 m, over a width of 30 m.



View of reconstructed B2 floor of Daikai Station, center pillars made by composite structures of steel box and RC.

(2) Kobe Station: Kobe Express Railway, unharmed

two island type platforms, 24 m wide, only one raw of center steel pipe columns with 40 cm in diameter support <u>structure</u>





Damage of concrete pillars and temporary reinforcement to central pillars in machine room on B1 floor (Sannomiya Station).

(4) Kencho-Mae Station :Kobe City Subway, unharmed



<u>similar</u> structure as <u>Sannomiya</u> **Station**

(5) Sanchika Underground Shopping Mall



MRT Singapore

Civil Defence Shelter Requirements



R1,W1 = 1.95m (minimum)

Tf <15m : F1=1.95m (minimum)

Tunnel Civil Defence Door - Peacetime



Tunnel Civil Defence Door – CD





We can Suffer from the Shake

Effects of Earthquakes on MRTA Tunnel

- 1. Very low possibility that Serious Earthquake will occur in Bangkok.
- 2. But, it is possible that the Earthquake can damage above ground structures.
- 3. However, underground structures will suffer much less.

MRTA Underground and Extension

















BS11 WANGBURAPHA STATION





Imposed by Environmental and Old City Commisoners

BS12 SANAMCHAI STATION



Evidences:

<u>Underground structures is safer than</u> <u>above ground structures.</u>

Subway system in Bangkok is safe.