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ABSTRAK

Penggemar aktiviti lasak seperti mendaki gunung dan memanjat batu kerap menghadapi situasi dimana sukar mengenal pasti lokasi dimana mereka berada serta mengalami kesukaran ketika sesat di sekitar kawasan aktiviti berkenaan. Hal ini demikian kerana tiada sistem yang dapat mengesan dan memberitahu kedudukan mereka ketika berdepan situasi sedemikian. Malah, ianya boleh mengakibatkan seseorang itu mengalami kecederaan yang agak serius sehingga sukar untuk pasukan mencari dan menyelamatkan berada di lokasi berkenaan untuk membantu. Oleh itu, satu sistem telah direka untuk mengesan seseorang ketika melakukan aktiviti mendaki gunung dan memanjat batu bagi memudahkan pasukan mencari dan menyelamatkan mendapatkan informasi melalui lokasi, latitude dan longitude pengguna di dalam kawasan yang telah dijadikan pusat pemeriksaan. Projek ini mempunyai paparan OLED yang memaparkan tarikh dan waktu kepada pengguna bagi memudahkan pengguna untuk mengikut jadual yang ditetapkan mereka ketika sedang melakukan aktiviti berkenaan. Ianya juga dilengkapi dengan modul GPS untuk mengesan dan menghantar informasi berkenaan lokasi pengguna melalui hubungan internet.

ABSTRACT

People who enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking will most likely face problems such as getting lost in unfamiliar places or losing their directions during their hike. It is hard for them to know their exact locations if they are lost. It will become bigger problems if any emergency cases happened while doing these types of activities such as injuries that need to be treated immediately to avoid fatal consequences. A system has been created especially for tracking during hiking and mountain climbing activities. Therefore if there is any emergency case like missing person, getting lost or injuries that need to be treated as soon as possible, this system can help by receiving information in the form of longitude and latitude of the users in that area that marks as a checkpoint. This project has OLED display to display the date and time to user to the user to follow the schedule that has been set up for them when doing this kind of activity. It is has built-in GPS module to track and transmit the information to the user by using internet connection

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND NOMENCLATURE

GPS	-	Global Positioning System
IoT	-	Internet of Things
GPRS	-	General Packet Radio Service
LBS	-	Location Based Service
LCD	-	Liquid Crystal Display
SMS	-	Short Message Service
LDR	-	Light Dependent Resistor
ADC	-	Analog Digital Converter
IC	-	Integrated Circuit
RLTS	-	Real-Time Location System
USB	-	Universal Serial Bus
GSM	-	Global System for Mobile communication
MQTT	-	Message Queuing Telemetry Transport
ARM	-	Advanced RISC Machine
MQT	-	Materialized Query Tables
DSLTL	-	Digital Single-Lens Translucent

WiFi	-	Wireless Fidelity
OLED	-	Organic Light-Emitting Diode
PCB	-	Printed Circuit Board

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Overview

This chapter explains on the project which has been carried out. Besides that, this chapter also gives information to the user on some important elements like the background of the project, problem statement, objectives and project scopes.

1.1 Background

The development of tracking system for hiking and mountain climbing project consists of main component which is Global Position System (GPS) sensor. The GPS sensor are used to transmit the data to the receiver for tracking. When the data has been received, the user location can be found by the search engine which receives the data from GPS antenna using Internet Of Things. This will make it easier for search and rescue team to help people in need immediately. The idea of this project came from the usual problems faced by hikers during their hike or outdoor activities. So, the project is used to help the hikers and people who love outdoor activities from getting lost during their activities. The project will be created in the small and compact size to make it easier for the users to bring and wear it during their activities so that the device can always be activated at any time that gives information by using Blynk application.

1.2 Problem Statement

There are some possible problems that could occur and need to be focused on this tracking system project. Firstly, people nowadays seem to be fond of outdoor activities such as hiking and mountain climbing, especially youngsters. The possibility to get lost while doing this activity is pretty high.

This is probably due to the carelessness of the hikers themselves, causing them to forget the right pathways and end up getting lost. Natural disaster is also one of the reasons as to why hikers could get lost during their activities. This is because, hikers will be forced to use different path if their original track was affected by the natural disaster.. The research and rescue team should get the correct and accurate information on the location of the hikers to save them as soon as possible after receiving the report from their family or friends.

The other problem that has been found is some tracking systems are not friendly-sized and hard to bring during outdoor activities such as hiking. The sizes of product should be highlighted because the sizes can make the user uncomfortable and will be inconvenient with those activities like hiking and mountain climbing.

Moreover, the tracking system did not have a system that gives information about its location to the user whenever the program is running. Some of tracking systems are already irrelevant with this era of technology. This happens because the information received is too slow because of some obstacles like limitation in communication and using the old system. Therefore, it is hard for the rescue team hard to reach the hikers location or the information of location of the lost users will take longer time to be received. This will create another problem since rescuing should be done as soon as possible to prevent life-endangering threats.

1.3 Objectives

The objectives of this project are:

- To investigate the problem of user location by using tracking system and the information can be recorded for safety purpose.
- To develop and implement the tracking system with Blynk application so that the location and details of the user can be found through the system.
- To analyze the performance of the proposed system.

1.4 Project Scopes

The scopes of project for hiking and mountain climbing tracking which has a bigger size of product for outdoor activity. The limitation of this project is to be used in hiking and mountain climbing within the checkpoint area that is suitable with the condition and less risks area. The idea came up to focus more on receiving the exact location of the user and find the user by using Blynk application.

The mountain and jungle should be relevant in size with the size of area that is supported the device by using the method of checkpoint, this can reduce the inaccurate information given for the user location. The checkpoint should be in the safe area that can be seen through the information given by Blynk application. The checkpoint method is used because the information received from user could be very general in term of location itself considering the wide area of the mountain and jungle involved. Thus, it could be hard for the rescue team to find when the exact location of the person who are lost. The method of checkpoint could reduce the hard possibility which limit in some area.

When the tracking device transmit data of the person location cannot be indicate whether the user are still moving around or stop. With this device the user easily and comfortable to wear and bring during the activity so that helps to prevent the problem for user left the devices when hiking or mountain climbing. The rescue team could reach the location of the user whenever the user are still wearing or bring the device during the activity.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

This chapter gives a guide and relevant topic about Tracking System for Hiking and related with electronic circuit that consists of microcontroller and motion sensor which have been discussed and reviewed. All the references and sources of writing this thesis are mainly from books, research journals and online articles that are already verified to be suitable to support this thesis. This section also includes the details on other main parts and information such as input output voltage, types of microcontroller, sensor, advantages and disadvantages.

2.1 The technology of GPS and GPRS based on Tele-monitoring System for Emergency Patient Transportation

The technology of GPS and GPRS in this article shows that it is suitable and relevant to be used in emergency cases and to be a problem solver based on some situations. This article states that the problem on traffic and it will take longer time that happened in India. The technology of GPS and GPRS based on Tele-monitoring System for Emergency Patient Transportation articles from the research of (Satyanarayana *et al.*