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Interactive comment on "Applying IT Communication Technology in Public Awareness and Education for Reducing Hazard Casualty in South East Asia Developing Countries" *by* S. P. Koay et al.

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Review of Applying IT Communication Technology in Public Awareness and Education for Reducing Hazard Casualty in South East Asia Developing Countries.

The subject area and intent of this paper are both very interesting, but this paper is not at a level that can be considered for an international journal. My major comments are:

(a) Understanding of the literature. The paper's main aim is to consider IT Communications in a context of SE Asia hazards. This is a very good goal, but there is a large body of literature which needs to be acknowledged that examines IT Communications in a broader natural hazards context, and then where this study sits within it. Of those items

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cited (eight references) the vast majority are abstracts from conferencesâĂŤthis is not suitable for an international publication. The authors need to significantly understand the literature, and where to place their fundamental observations and questions within this literature. (b) Research methodology. There is not a clear research methodology here. Is it the questionnaire (and if so, what were the questions)? How many students were there? Was there a methodology if how these particular classes were chosen?

This manuscript reads much more like an extended abstract for a conference proceedings, which certainly has some interesting goals, but little substance of background understanding of the issues involved or presentation of the research methodology. If the authors can substantially revise their paper, it might be submitted again, but should not be accepted (even for major revision) as is, as it is not yet ready to be reviewed.