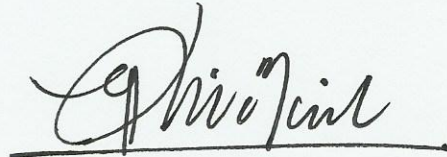


CONFIRMATION REPORT

The attached report of the 2nd Divisional Meeting United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Asia South East, held in Bandung, Indonesia on 2nd April 2014.

Decision, recommendation and resolutions contained in the report are subject to approval of each representative government:

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Chairman of the Division



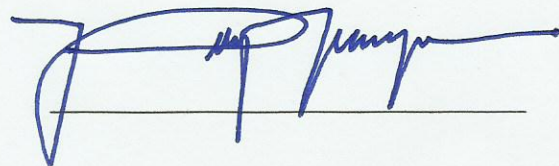
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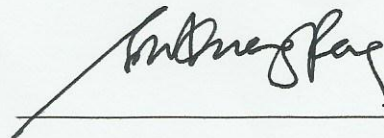
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Representative of Brunei Darussalam



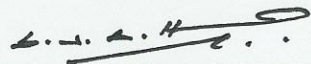
Dr. Peter N. Tiangco
Representative of Philippines



Mr. Soh Kheng Peng
Representative of Singapore



D.N.D. Hettiarachchi
Representative of Sri Lanka



Mrs. Do Thi Thu Thuy
Representative of Vietnam



2nd Divisional Meeting
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN)
Asia South-East Division (ASE Division)

- Attending Member Countries:** Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam
- Welcome:** National Team for the Standardization of Topographical Names, Indonesia welcomed the delegates to Bandung, Indonesia for the meeting.
- Opening Remarks:** Datuk Prof. Sr Dr. Abdul Kadir Bin Taib, Chairman, UNGEGN ASE Division delivered the opening address.
- Election of Executive Positions:** Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam jointly nominated Malaysia and Indonesia to share the positions of Secretary and Rapporteur for this meeting. The meeting agreed with the nominations.
- Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was tabled by Chairman and adopted by the meeting.

Chairman's Report

The report was tabled and presented by Datuk Prof. Sr Dr. Abdul Kadir Bin Taib, covering chairmanship, activities during the period of 2013, actions from the 1st Divisional Meeting in Brunei Darussalam and its resolutions, the meeting proposed resolutions and encourage the members to attend UNGEGN Meeting 2014 which will be held in New York on 28th April to 2nd May 2014.

Matters arising from the 1st Divisional Meeting in Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam, 14th May 2013

Brunei Darussalam asked the meeting about the precise period of UNGEGN ASE Division Chairmanship. Singapore proposed that the Chairmanship period should be firm not optional 3 or 4 years. The meeting agreed that the UNGEGN ASE Division Chairmanship period shall be 4 years, starting from April 2014 up to April 2018.

Election of Divisional Chairman of UNGEGN ASE Division

Sri Lanka proposed the Phillipines (Dr. Peter N. Tiangco) as Chairman for the period 2014 - 2018. The meeting agreed with the nomination.

Country Reports

The following members presented their country reports:

Brunei Darussalam

Opening their presentation, Brunei introduced their delegation. In their report, Brunei informed the current status of the work of the national committee of geographical names (JKNG) and others activities. The activities during the period of 2013 (JKNG meeting and fieldwork) have become more recognized, as the additional responsibility of roundabout and flyover naming are also mandated to JKNG. Activities are progressively active where the number of field investigation have increased.

The production of the Brunei Official Gazetteer, JKNG newsletter and feedback from public/government agencies/private companies via local newspaper (Pelita Brunei) Brunei Times and Borneo Bulletin, www.survey.gov.bn, Ministry of Development Complaint centre "140" also presented.

Indonesia

Indonesia reported their participation at the previous meeting, 1st Divisional Meeting UNGEGN ASE Division in Brunei. Indonesia as the organizer of the website and newsletter urged the respective member of countries of the ASE Division to contribute positively by sending individual paper or article to be published on the newsletter (minimum one paper or article per annum) as well as active participation to fill other content of ASE Division's website.

In regard with the generic terms collecting activity, as an immediate action, Indonesia urged all ASE Division member states to complete the glossary of generic terms and submitted to email address: asedivision@gmail.com.

On the Regional Map and Gazetteer, Indonesia proposes the establishment of a joint project between ASE Division member states to produce a unified topographical names regional map and gazetteer.

Indonesia reported Toponym Data Acquisition System which in short known as **Topkit** as their effort in simplifying the task of the Committees for the Standardization of Topographical Names in the Province and Regency in filling out the standard form of topographical names. The activities of standardization of geographical names, national and UNGEGN ASE Division Seminar, toponymy training and institutional development on the standardization of geographical names also reported.

Malaysia

Malaysia reported that the meeting of their National Technical Committee on Geographical Names on 3rd December 2013, the development and updating of the various websites on geographical names activities in Malaysia. The progress on the development of Geographical Names Database, production of web gazetteer, naming of islands and geographic entities was also shared. Details of workshops and forums organised and attended were shared as well. Toponymic Guidelines for Map and Other Editors for International Use which will be in both English and Malay language also reported.

Philippines

Philippines reported the history, recent, future activities being undertaken and responsibilities with regard to geographical names. Current activities including participation in UNGEGN programs, updating the list of cities with a population of more than 100,000 that was submitted to the World Geographical Names Database of the UNGEGN. A total of 106 cities and 20 sound files were submitted. Philippines also reported various current and future activities, to include its Geoportal Project, update geographic names through detailed topographic maps, strengthen collaboration with the academy, update the geographic names database and format the updated Philippine Gazetteer.

Singapore

Singapore informed that they did not submit country report as Singapore have no major naming activities because all parts of the country have been mapped and names have been placed. Singapore also shared that the naming authority in Singapore, the Street and Building Names Board (SBNB) issued various guidelines on placing names for building and street. Some of the guidelines such as name to avoid, what constitute a good name, etc. were shared. Singapore also shared that the SBNB have an online portal to allow public to search for approved street and building names.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka thanked the chairman and Indonesia as the host, for organizing the meeting. Sri Lanka also pleased to be able to attend the divisional meeting for the first time. In their report, Sri Lanka shared their activities on geographical names and the standardization on geographical names. Sri Lanka informed the meeting that Survey Department of Sri Lanka has separate branch for Geographical Names and National Spatial Data Infrastructure. Sri Lanka also shared that all place names will be published in a Geo portal to get public support on standardization of geographical names.

Vietnam

Vietnam reported that the current collection, naming and standardization of geographical names were implemented by some agencies following the assignment of Vietnam government to serve as the operational management of the agency. The regulations on geographical names also issued by some agencies. Vietnam also reported the Department of Survey and Mapping Viet Nam (DOSMVN) is responsible for the standardization of

geographical names on map including database of geographical names. Vietnam shared their action to establish of National Committee on Geographical Names, this committee is responsible for overall coordination of geographical names activities in Vietnam in order to build national geographical names database.

Other Matters

ASE Division Website and Newsletters

Indonesia shared the updated information displayed on the Divisional website include the previous meeting (reports and documentations) in Brunei and current informations of the 2nd Divisional Meeting and Seminar in Bandung. Chairman asked the meeting to contribute for the newsletters and to share activities or events on geographical names in their counties as part of to fulfill content of ASE Division's website.

Generic Terms

Indonesia informed that Malaysia and Singapore have submitted the generic terms, the other ASE Division member states should complete the glossary of generic terms and submitted to email address: asedivision@gmail.com.

Proposed Resolution

The following resolutions were proposed:

- a) The term for chairman of division 4 year.
- b) The ASE Division would work further with Australia on the Regional Map and Gazetteer which currently maintained by Australia. In this regard, a back to back meeting with Dr. Bill Walt (Australia) is proposed to be held during UNGEGN meeting in New York. After the database has been transferred to Indonesia, all member country must send their update to the database.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Malaysia suggested that the next Divisional Meeting be held in Vietnam. The meeting agreed for the next Divisional Meeting to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, May 2015.



Sr Ng Eng Guan
Secretary
2nd April 2014



Esther Rajagukguk
Rapporteur
2nd April 2014