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REPORTS BY DIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTS ON THE SITUATION IN THEIR  
REGIONS AND COUNTRIES AND ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE  
STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES SINCE THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS  
CONFERENCE ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Report of the Asia South-East and Pacific South-West Division  
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1: This is the first report of this Division of Asia, South-East and Pacific, South-West. This is the former Division of Asia, South-East which was enlarged in accordance to the Resolution taken at the Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and Pacific which was held in New Zealand on 11-22nd February 1980.

1.2: At the review of Divisional's composition taken at the Ninth Session of the UNGEGN held at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York, 17-27 February 1981, it was accepted that the Division of the Asia, South-East and Pacific, South-West be composed of Democratic Kampuchea, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

1.3: This new and enlarged Division had its first meeting in Manila, Philippines on 22-26 October

1981. This meeting was attended by experts from the following countries:

Brunei, Indonesia, Democratic Kampuchea, Malaysia and the Philippines.

1.4: Pursuant to paragraph 15(3) of the Aims, Functions and Modus Operandi of the UNGEGN which reads as follows:

"A country not already a member of a division will decide for itself to which division it wishes to belong",

Brunei expressed its wish to join this Division. The meeting unanimously accepted the inclusion of Brunei into this Division. It is also noted that this is the first time Democratic Kampuchea is attending and taking an active role in the work of this Division.

## 2. REVIEW OF PROJECTS

### 2.1: Map of South-East Asia (Political)

2.1.1: The 4th Edition of this map was compiled and printed by the Directorate of National Mapping, Malaysia. This map was presented to the Ninth Session of the UNGEGN, at New York in February 1981 and subsequently

accepted by the meeting after an amendment was made to the word "Formosa" which was the subject of an objection raised by China.

2.1.2: At the October 1981 meeting of this Division in Manila, it was agreed to include Democratic Kampuchea and Papua New Guinea in this map and that Malaysia will have to determine the appropriate scale for the revised map of the South-East Asia to include these countries.

2.1.3: Pursuant to this, a new map is being compiled at the scale of 1:7,000,000 on the Oblique Mercator projection. Maps of Singapore and Brunei are shown as insets at the scale of 1:300,000 and 1:750,000 respectively to this map. This map which will be produced in two colours of black and blue, will be supplied to all member countries for verification of the correctness and of accuracy the geographical names contained therein.

2.2: Map of South-East Asia (Physical)

2.2.1: The 2nd Edition of the physical map of South-East Asia was produced by the Directorate of National Mapping, Malaysia in 1980, showing physical features and important marine and

sub-marine features. Only important or major place names are shown apart from those important features. This map was also submitted and accepted by the Ninth Session of the UNGEGN at New York in February 1981.

2.2.2: At the October 1981 meeting of this Division in Manila, it was also agreed to include Democratic Kampuchea and Papua New Guinea in this map.

2.2.3: Pursuant to this, a new map is now being compiled using the same base map as in para 2.1.3. Symbols of marine and sub-marine features to be shown on the map would be in accordance with IHO specifications.

2.3: Concise Gazetteer

2.3.1: The First Edition of this gazetteer contains 3,070 entries for places and features in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand was produced in conjunction with the 4th Edition of the South-East Asia political map.

2.3.2: This gazetteer will subsequently be extended to include the new countries which have been

accepted to this Division, and revised to include submissions made by the Philippines in the October 1981 meeting of this Division in Manila.

- 2.3.3: As usual this gazetteer will be sent to member countries for verification of the correctness of the relevant entries made.

#### 2.4 Regional Gazetteer

- 2.4.1: This gazetteer has been compiled and printed by the Directorate of National Mapping, Malaysia and contains 7,383 entries for places and features of 4 countries viz: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. Thailand was also given three lists of names in the border region of Thailand-Malaysia, Thailand-Burma and Thailand-Kampuchea.

#### 2.5: Course in Toponymy

- 2.5.1: At the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Standardization of the Geographical Names in Athen 1977, Indonesia agreed to offer a toponymy course specifically for the benefit of the member countries of this Division as well as its neighbouring countries.

2.5.2: The National Coordination Agency for Surveys and Mapping (BAKOSURTANAL) in its circular letter dated March 15, 1982, confirmed that the pilot course in toponymy will be held in Cisarua, Bogor, Indonesia from 7-18th June 1982.

2.5.3: This pilot course is hosted by the Indonesian Government with the assistance of Prof. Dr. F.J. Ormelling, the President of the International Cartographic Association. At the date of printing this report, the second circular letter is only awaiting the approval of Prof. Dr. F.J. Ormelling in Holland before it is distributed to member countries. It is expected that two participants from each of the member countries of this Division plus one observer each from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will attend this pilot course.

2.6: Newsletter (GEONAMES)

2.6.1: It was agreed that this newsletter is to be published by the Philippines and member countries are urged to send articles and news items of interest to the Publisher. In the October 1981 meeting in Manila, the Philippines

announced that it has postponed the second publication of GEONAMES in order to include in its publication the proceedings of the First Divisional Meeting as well as to gather news and information on Divisional profiles and other related activities.

3. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

3.1: It was proposed that the next Meeting of this Division be held in Malaysia sometime after the 10th Meeting of the UNGEGN scheduled to be held in August 1982 at Geneva, Switzerland.