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the standardization of geographical names**

**Country Report
The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

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INTRODUCTION

Department of Surveying, Mapping and Geo-information of Viet Nam (DOSMVN) is an agency under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment is responsible for Performing State management over survey and mapping activities; Managing basic geodetic survey; Organizing basic survey and mapping and standardizing geographical names to establish maps. To implement this mission, DOSMVN has cooperated closely with language experts, the provincial People's Committees.

This report was prepared by the Department of Surveying, Mapping and Geo-information of Viet Nam. The report presents the issues related to achievement of geographical names activities; the Standardization of geographical names activities has done in 2018-2019 and the plan in the future.

I. ACTIVITIES

1. Meetings/ Conferences attended

Viet Nam attended the 6th UNGEGN ASE in Manila, Philippine and also participated in 1st Regional Training Program in Toponymy in conjunction with the 6th Divisional Meeting of United National Group of Experts on Geographical Names Asian South East Division.

2. Achievement of geographical names activities:

- Establishing National technical Regulation to determine official geographic names;
- Formulating guideline for the formation of National Geographical Names Database;
- Coordinating the objectives, functions and output of activities;
- Publishing National Gazetteer on geographical names and completed geographical names database for 54 provinces.
- In 2018, Vietnam promulgated Survey and Mapping Law including provisions relating to standardized geographical names.

III. ACTIVITIES FROM 2018 - 2019

1. Implementing Standardization of Geographical names 5 provinces in Central Highlands: Kontum, Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Dak Nong, Lam Dong and 4 provinces in Red river delta: Hanoi, Nam Dinh, Thai Binh, Ninh Binh.
2. Training course for local technical staffs in above provinces.
3. Organizing the local conference to unify the results of Standardization of Geographical names
4. Input result of geographical names standardization in the topographical database at scale 1:10 000.

IV. FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Improvement of regulation system on standardization and using toponymy in Viet Nam.

Performing continuously standardization of toponymy on maps for Hanoi will be implemented in 2019. Building geographical names database for 9 provinces.

Update geographical names database, build and publish dictionary of toponymy via media, Internet.

Set up the website could provide data of geographical name

V. CONCLUSION

Geographical names are population factors and have important implications for the displaying, establishing the relationships between geographic features. Therefore, standardization of geographical names is a necessary, which can unify and define the exactly position of geographic features. Standardized geographical names are a unify basis for reading, writing, mapping and the media, which will support for economic development, social security and international integration. DOSMVN represent Vietnam's effort to meet such needs.