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**COUNTRY REPORT- MALAYSIA**

**1. Introduction**

This report covers the period from the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographic Names held in Berlin, Germany in 2002 until April 2004, including all activities relating to geographical names, and national gazetteer.

**2. National Committee for Geographical Names**

The National Committee for Geographical Names (NCGN) was established on 11 September 2002 by the Malaysian Cabinet, for the coordination of geographical naming activities in Malaysia.

The responsibilities of the Committee includes:-

- i. developing a national toponymic guidelines;
- ii. developing a web-based National Geographical Names Database and the National Gazetteer;
- iii. promoting the use of official names;
- iv. coordinating Malaysian input into international nomenclature activities, including liaison with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, particularly the Regional Grouping.

The NCGN is chaired by the Director General of the Department of Survey and Mapping (DSMM) with members consisting of representatives of Federal agencies, State Governments and the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU).

At the State/Federal Territory level, the State Committee for Geographical Names (SCGN) is established to coordinate and implement the guidelines and procedures formulated. The State Secretary/Federal Secretary chairs the SCGN with members comprising of representatives of State/Federal Territory agencies

Besides these coordinating committees, there are one (1) technical committee and two working groups formed to assist the NCGN. They are:

- i. National Technical Committee on Geographical Names
- ii. Working Group on Toponymic Guidelines
- iii. Working Group on Geographical Names Database and Gazetteer

As for the State and Federal Territory a State Technical Committee on Geographical Names is established to assist the SCGN.