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Toponymy education

The plan of toponymy training in cooperation with UNGEGN to be held in Yogyakarta, Center Java, 17-21 September 2012, Indonesia

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Summary

To increase toponymic activities both of national and international, so that the capabilities and skills of government officials at central and local governments, and international cooperation in addressing the agenda of standardizing of geographical names will increased. Therefore, it is necessary to hold toponymic training, for this purposes UNGEGN provides an opportunity for Indonesia to conduct the fourth training on toponymy internationally. This training will be conducted in Yogyakarta, Central Java, on 17 to 21 September 2012. Participants are from local government officials, and member of the countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Southwest Division.

The plan of toponymy training in cooperation with UNGEGN to be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 11 – 23 September 2012

Indonesia plans a Training Course in Yogyakarta, a Capital of Special Areas Province, from 17 – 21 September 2012, this will be the fourth training course ever held in Indonesia since 1982. This training course will be cooperated between Geo-spatial Information Agency and the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names Working Group on Toponymic Training.

The duration of the training are five days. Sixty participants are expected to participate in this training from members of the Asia Southeast and Pacific Southwest Division. The training consist of four days classroom lectures, one day field work for collecting the names through interview local people to obtain names and its meaning, and will given also office treatment and database creation. At the end of the training each participants hopefully bring home the database that created by the participants themselves.

The area of training is a former Sultanate of “Mataram”, which has a famous past in the history of Islamic kingdom in Java Island that once stood in the 17th century. The Sultanate of Mataram during the golden ages ever unify Java and the surrounding land, including Madura. This sultanate had to fight to prevent the VOC in Batavia the trading firm’s reign. The names of elements will be collected in the area remind many people of Javanese names after Hindu epic. The area is then rich of historical names.

This module of a five days training would be made a standard training module in Indonesia for manpower development for the autonomous provinces, sub-provinces and municipalities with the increasing needs facing the respective regions with the enactment of Presidential Regulation No. 112 – 2006 in the framework of decentralization of governments functions in geographical naming and related activities in database creation of the region.

Topics presented at training course consist of some sessions are among others, names standardization and SDI, national names programme, regional initiatives, fieldwork preparation, database design and management, cultural heritage, dissemination and evaluation, media and name planning.