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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Second Meeting of the United Nations Divisional Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Asia, South-East and Pacific, South-West Division was held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia from 2nd to 4th October 1984.

1.2 Delegates from Negara Brunei Darassalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand attended the Meeting. The names of delegates are as in Annex A of the Report of the Meeting enclosed.

2. REVIEW OF PROJECTS

2.1 Map of South-East Asia and South-West Pacific - Political and Physical versions

2.1.1 The Divisional Representative distributed 2-colour version of the working sheet of the enlarged coverage of this Division to delegates for comments and approval.

2.1.2 It was decided that a time frame of 6 months be given to member countries to submit their comments and approval.

2.1.3 Member countries of Democratic Kampuchea, Singapura, Negara Brunei Darussalam and Papua New Guinea are also urged to submit the hydrographic and physical details for the preparation and publication of the physical maps of the enlarged area.

2.1.4 As soon as the comments and approval of all member

countries are received, Malaysia would endeavour to have the map published preferably in time for the 1986 UNEGN session.

2.2 Gazetteer

2.2.1 The Divisional Representative distributed a draft copy of the Concise Gazetteer, which incorporating the geographical names of countries in this Division for up-dating by member countries before they are printed.

2.2.2 As for the Regional Gazetteer, it is expected that additional geographical names will be included in it due to the enlarged map of Singapore and the inclusion of new member countries of Negara Brunei Darussalam, Democratic Kampuchea and Papua New Guinea.

2.3 Training Courses

2.3.1 As the Pilot Course in Toponymy held in Indonesia in June 1982 was successful, it was proposed that a Workshop in Toponymy be conducted in the near future and explore the possibility of the United Nations meeting the cost of the above workshop. The Chairman drew the attention of the Meeting to Resolution No. 6 of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Geneva, 24 August - 14 September 1982 which reads as follows:-

"6. Course in toponymy

The Conference,

Taking account of the success of the First Pilot Course in Toponymy, held in Cisarua, Indonesia, in June 1982, 30/

Recommends the holding of similar courses and seminars

in other geographic/linguistic divisions and further recommends that a submission should be made by the Cartography Section of the Natural Resources and Energy Division, Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat on behalf of the Conference for the provision of the necessary funds to provide for such courses and seminars."

and mentioned that the United Nations Secretariat should be contacted on the possibility that financial support be given for the above workshop.

2.3.2 The Meeting proposed that an Hoc Commission on Toponymy be formed particularly in the Malay language region.

2.4 Geonames

The Meeting thanked Negara Brunei Darussalam for assuming the role of the publisher of the newsletters.

3. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was proposed that the next meeting be held in Negara Brunei Darussalam sometime in 1986.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4.1 Including the Meeting, the Chairman thanked all delegates for their support and cooperation in making the 2nd Meeting of the United Nations Divisional Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Asia, South-East and Pacific, South-West Division a success.

4.2 The Meeting thanked the Chairman, Mr. Abdul Majid bin Mohamed for his able Chairmanship, the Government of Malaysia and the State

Government of Sarawak for its warm hospitality.

4.3 The Meeting expressed appreciation to the Directorate of National Mapping, Malaysia, and the Land and Survey Department Sarawak for the excellent arrangements made for the 2nd Meeting of the United Nations Divisional Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Asia, South-East and Pacific, South-West Division,

Directorate of National Mapping
Malaysia

8 th October 1984.