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1. INTRODUCTION

This report to the Fourteenth Session of the Group of Experts on Geographical Names, covers the period from the 4th meeting of the United Nations Divisional Group of Experts on Geographical Names for Asia, South-East and Pacific, South-West Division held in Bangkok, includes all activities relating to geographical names, national gazetteer, progress reports of the Divisional projects undertaken and other related matters.

2. NATIONAL GAZETTEERS

As reported by the Divisional Chairman in the 4th Divisional Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, the Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia has completed the toponymic data files of the National Gazetteer and is now stored in the Department's Computer-Assisted Mapping System. The data base of the contents of the Concise and Regional Gazetteers which are also being handled by the Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia will be incorporated to the Computer-Assisted Mapping System as soon as the process on the Government's policy to review and change colonial toponyms of place and road names in the National Gazetteer has been completed. The Department is working closely with all the States Survey Department, City and Town Councils in this connection.

3. POLITICAL MAP OF ASIA, SOUTH-EAST AND PACIFIC, SOUTH-WEST -  
MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

3.1 Upon obtaining the consent of member countries of this Division, the Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia has produced a miscellaneous map series of South-East Asia and South West Pacific with the base map and geographical names obtained directly from the political map and other relevant available source materials.

3.2 This map is on sale to the public and is produced to meet the ever increasing demands and requirements of various types of users both local and international

throughout the world, thus reflecting the usefulness and benefits that could be derived and made use of from one of the completed projects undertaken by this Divisional Group.

#### 4. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY MALAYSIA.

##### 4.1 Political Map of Asia, South-East Pacific South-West Division.

4.1.1 As mentioned in the 4th Divisional Meeting, Country Report of Malaysia, this political map was printed and distributed to all member countries concerned.

4.1.2 Areas covering the map face of Burma, Laos, Vietnam, Kampuchea and Papua New Guinea are still left blank since no information is received from these member countries.

##### 4.2 Physical Map of Asia, South-East and Pacific, South-West Division.

4.2.1 The fully coloured 3rd Edition of the Physical Map for Asia, South-East and Pacific South-West was printed and distributed to all member countries concerned in August 1987.

4.2.2 Again areas covering map face of Burma, Laos, Kampuchea, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea is left blank since no information is received from these member countries.

4.2.3 The Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia has sent 20 copies to each member country of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand for their perusal.

##### 4.3 Concise Gazetteer

The Second Edition, printed and published still stands as the latest edition. To date there is no additional information received from member countries.

#### 4.4 Regional Gazetteer

There is no progress on this gazetteer and the First Edition still stands as the latest edition. To date, there is no additional or information list of geographical names received from member countries of Brunei Darussalam, Burma, Kampuchea, Laos, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea.

#### 4.5 Data Base for Concise, Regional and National Gazetteers

As reported in the 4th Meeting, the Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia has completed the toponymic data files of the National Gazetteers and is moving towards the Concise and Regional Gazetteers in the process of creating a complete data base of the gazetteers involved.

#### 4.6 Other Matters

The Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia is still waiting for submission of map and gazetteer information from member countries of Burma, Laos, Vietnam, Kampuchea and Papua New Guinea to be incorporated into the political, physical map, the Concise and Regional Gazetteers, which is currently left blank due to no information received.