

22 February 2021

Original: English

**United Nations Group of Experts on
Geographical Names****2021 session**

Virtual, 3–7 May 2021

Item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Reports: divisions of the Group of Experts**Report of the Asia South-East Division****Summary****

The full report contains an outline of the main activities conducted by the Asia South-East Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in 2019 and 2020. During that period, the Division held its seventh and eighth meetings.

The Division held its seventh meeting at United Nations Headquarters on 1 May 2019 as a side event to the 2019 session of the Group of Experts. The delegates of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Singapore and Thailand participated in the meeting. The attending member countries adopted the Division's workplan for the period 2019–2022, which had been proposed by the Division's Chair. The workplan consists of the following main activities:

- (a) Regional database and gazetteer standards;
- (b) Meeting of the Asia South-East Division;
- (c) Regional map of the members of the Asia South-East Division;
- (d) Generic terms.

The original plan was to hold the eighth divisional meeting face to face in July 2020, in conjunction with the international seminar and training on toponyms. However, owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, many countries have imposed travel restrictions, which has forced the Division's secretariat to move the meeting online. The seminar and training have been postponed to the second quarter of 2021.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by the Asia South-East Division. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/36/CRP.36, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/.



On 27 October 2020, the eighth divisional meeting was held online. It was attended by the delegates of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam. A representative of the Secretariat, based in New York, also attended the meeting.

Following up on the resolutions adopted at the seventh divisional meeting, the Chair conveyed the progress made in implementing the workplan, which included the transformation of the Division's website into a collaborative platform. The Secretariat also took the opportunity to encourage each Division member country to review the draft strategic plan and programme of work of the Group of Experts.

Eight resolutions adopted at the eighth meeting were related to progress and activities under the workplan of the Division's member countries, including the draft strategic plan and programme of work of the Group of Experts.

The resolutions adopted at the seventh and eighth meetings of the Division, including the actions taken to advance the workplan, are detailed in the full report.
