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**Report of Brunei Darussalam\***

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## **1. Introduction**

This report covers all activities for the period between November 2020 and November 2021 that have been carried out by the **Brunei Darussalam National Geographical Names Committee (JKNG)** including achievements and the progress relating to geographical names, road naming and related matters.

## **2. Activities on National Standardization of Geographical Names**

### **2.1 JKNG Meeting**

Only one committee meeting was held on 10 November 2021 to discuss pending road names via Zoom. No field visits were scheduled during this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **2.2 Road Naming**

In 2020, a total of three roads in the new apartment-type housing scheme in the Brunei and Muara district have been approved and officially named. These roads have been named “Lorong Satu”, “Lorong Dua” and “Lorong Tiga” –simple names to differentiate the junctions leading to different apartment blocks.

### **2.3 Guidelines to Geographical Names and Road Naming of Brunei Darussalam**

The committee has been finalising the guidelines the past couple years and is expected to be published by next year. The guidelines will serve as a working manual and reference for the committee to ensure that the naming procedures are standardized.

### **2.4 JKNG’s Official Website and Logo**

In an effort to promote the activities and objectives of JKNG, the committee is currently developing an updated website that will house maps of approved names and gazetteer as well as sharing activities and photos of past events. It will provide the latest information for the public especially announcements of new road names and discovery of geographical features. It is the committee’s objective to spread awareness to the public of the correct spelling and pronunciation of names and to share the history behind the names.

Following this transformation, the committee is also currently reviewing proposals for JKNG’s new official logo.

## **3. Other matters**

JKNG, represented by officers from the Survey Department, the Language and Literature Bureau, Museums Department, Ministry of Education, Districts Officer and the Public Works Department attended 8<sup>th</sup> Virtual Divisional Meeting of UNGEGN ASE Division on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

A number of the committee members also participated in the “Recognizing Generic Terms in Geographical Names from Local Languages Webinar” on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021.