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Agenda Item 8: Country Reports

Report of the Republic of Indonesia ¹

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* Topographical names / geographical names.

1. Introduction

This report compiles all the activities that have been carried out by the Indonesian National Team for the Standardization of Topographical Names, which some of them are an update of activities that have been reported at the 1st Divisional Meeting held in Jerudong Brunei Darussalam on the 14 May 2013, as well as proposed new projects and other national toponymic activities. Hereunder is the list of activities that have been carried out by the National Team for the Standardization of Topographical Names:

- **Matters arising at the previous meeting :**

- a. Indonesia attended the 1st Divisional Meeting UNGEGN ASE Division in Brunei Darussalam, 13 – 14 May 2013. The Indonesian delegation was represented by national institutions, which are the core members of *Tim Nasional Pembakuan Nama Rupabumi* (Indonesian National Team for the Standardization of Topographical Names), namely, Geospatial Information Agency, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries.
- b. UNGEGN ASE Division's **website** and **newsletter** should be maintained and updated. In order to promote the website as a windows for advanced information on states practices in relation to geographical names, Indonesia as the organizer of the website and newsletter urged the respective member of countries of the ASE Division to contribute positively by sending individual paper or article to be published on the newsletter (minimum one paper or article per annum) as well as active participation to fill other content of ASE Division's website.
- c. Generic terms is divisional project as a tribute to Prof. Jacub Rais. The **Generic terms** used in the standardization of the topographical names need to be compiled. It is important that this project must be implemented by all the members due to the historical background that the language used by some of the ASE Division member states derives from the same root, which is the Austronesian language of Malayo-Polynesian language. At present, the glossary of generic terms has only been filled by Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore. As an immediate action, Indonesia urged all ASE Division member states to complete the glossary of generic terms and submitted to email address: asedivision@gmail.com.
- d. **Regional map and gazetteer** should be maintained and updated. Indonesia proposes the establishment of a joint project between ASE Division member states to produce a unified topographical names regional map and gazetteer.

2. National Activities

a. Toponym Data Acquisition System

Understanding the needs and realizing the obstacles the Provincial and Regency Committees for the Standardization of Topographical Names often experience in the field while collecting topographical names of natural features, Geospatial Information Agency closely cooperated with the group of experts and other member of the National Team for the Standardization of Topographical Names have developed toponym data acquisition system which in short known as **Topkit**.

The **Topkit** has been tested thoroughly and at present it has shown remarkable success in simplifying the task of the Committees for the Standardization of Topographical Names in the Province and Regency in filling out the standard form of topographical names.

b. Standardization of Geographical Names

- i. Some activities related to the Standardization of Geographical Names have been reported both in UNGEGN sessions and in Divisional meetings, among others were verification of island names (2005-2008) and verification of administrative names region (2009-2011). Currently, verification of a natural geographical names (2012-2014) are still being carried out, while in the period of 2015-2017 the verification of man-made geographical names will be conducted. This activity will then be followed by the verification of geographical names of cultural heritage.
- ii. Preparation of guidelines for standardization of geographical names man-made elements. This activity has been compiled from February and is scheduled for completion in May 2014.
- iii. Publication of Popular Book Encyclopedia of Small islands in Sulawesi Tenggara Province and DKI Jakarta Province in 2013 and continued in 2014, three provinces namely Aceh, Kalimantan Selatan and Papua Barat.
- iv. The adoption of government regulation on Gazetteers of Island Names and Administrative Names Region in Indonesia will be completed in October 2014.

c. Indonesia already held few Seminars in national and international level and will be conducting Training on Toponymy in the upcoming month, hereunder is the list of the Seminar and Training :

- i. National Seminar on Toponymy held in Bandung on June 2013 and in Jakarta on October 2013, attended by government agencies, private companies, researchers, practitioners and colleges.
- ii. UNGEGN ASE Division Seminar on Toponymy held in Bandung 1 April 2014, which participated by UNGEGN ASE Division member states, Indonesian government agencies, researchers, practitioners, and the Committee on the Standardization of Topographic Names.

- iii. Toponymy training for 230 government officials involved in the Committee on the Standardization of Topographic Names which will start in April 2014.
- d. Institutional development on the standardization of topographical names in Indonesia have been progressing positively with the establishment of the Committee on the Standardization of Topographic Names at provincial and regencies level in 33 provinces, 115 regencies and 24 cities.

3. Other Matters

- a. Standard format for divisional report (country report) should refer to UNGEGN standard reports as produced in UNGEGN Session. This country report is to follow the standard format as a report on UNGEGN Session, as follows:
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/ungegn/docs/27th-gegn-docs/wp/WP2_UNGEGN%20ASEPSWItem11%20Split%20Divisional%20Report.pdf.
- b. Indonesia will attend the Twenty-Eight Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, which will be held in New York on 28th April to 2nd May 2014.