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I. INTRODUCTION

Department of Surveying, Mapping and Geo-information of Viet Nam (DOSMVN) is an agency under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment is responsible for Performing State management over survey and mapping activities; Managing basic geodetic survey; Organizing basic survey and mapping and standardizing geographical names to establish maps. To implement this mission, DOSMVN has cooperated closely with language experts, the provincial People's Committees.

This report was prepared by the Department of Surveying, Mapping and Geo-information of Viet Nam. The report presents the issues related to achievement of geographical names activities; the Standardization of geographical names activities has done in 2019-2020.

II. ACTIVITIES

II.1. Achievement of geographical names activities:

- Establishing National technical Regulation to determine official geographic names;
- Formulating guideline for the formation of National Geographical Names Database;
- Completing geographical names database for 63 provinces;
- Publishing National Gazetteer on geographical names for 62 provinces;
- In 2018, Vietnam promulgated Survey and Mapping Law including provisions relating to standardized geographical names.

II.2. Activites from 2020 - 2021

Completed and publiced geographical names Gazetteer for 4 provinces: Lam Dong, Gia Lai, Kon Tum, Dak Lak.

Participated in online Second session of UNGEGN in 3-7 May 2021.

III. FUTURE PLAN

Completing and publicing geographical names Category of Hanoi in 2022.

Updating administrative geographical names.

Updating geographical names database.

Set up the website could provide data of geographical name.

V. **CONCLUSION**

Standardization of geographical names of Vietnam have been carried out over the past several years, which can unify and define the exactly position of geographic features. The National Gazetteer on geographical names are promulgated every year for widespread use by state agencies and organizations and individuals. In the coming years, DOSMVN will continue to update the toponymy database system to meet the requirements of socio-economic development and national defense security. We will also continue to cooperate with UNGEGN ASE on regional I geographical names activities.