
**Minutes of the
Twelve Council Meeting
Held on 16th June, 2001 (Saturday) at 2.30 p.m.
at the Negara Room, Mutiara Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Present:

Council Members

Dato' Abdul Majid Mohamed (Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia)	- President
Mr. Tang Tuck Kim (Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers, Singapore)	- Hon. Treasurer-General
Mr. Khoo Boo Khean (Institution of Surveyor, Malaysia)	- Hon. Secretary-General
Tn. Hj. Hamzah bin Salleh (Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia)	- Council Member (Special)
Tn. Hj. Jamil bin Mohd Ali (Survey Department, Brunei Darussalam)	- Council Member (Special)
Mr. Newas Ukoï (Newas Survey Consultancy, Brunei Darussalam)	- Corporate Member/Editor
Mr. Reynaldo R. Adorador (Certeza Surveying & Aerophoto System, Inc)	- Representative
Mr. Teo Chee Hai (Pejuta, Malaysia)	- Representative

Observers

Mr. Lai Chiam Ho (Landsoft Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia)	- Corporate Member
Tn. Hj. Mohiddin bin Hj Mus (Survey Department. Brunei Darussalam)	- Representative
Mr. Fabian Lim (Topcon Singapore Pte. Ltd.)	- Sustaining Member

In Attendance

Mr. Julian Chong Teck Lee (Institution of Surveyor, Malaysia)	- Personal Assistant to the Hon. Secretary-General
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Absent with Apologies

Ms. Estellita Crispin (Jurukur Perunding Services, Malaysia)	- Administrative Secretary
Mr. Rudolf W. Matindas (Bakosurtanal, Indonesia)	- Senior Vice President
Pg. Matusin bin Pg. Matasan (Survey Department, Brunei Darussalam)	- Vice President
Mr. Colin Chan (Pejuta, Malaysia)	- Council Member
Mr. Federico M. Nadela (Philippine Society of Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing, Philippines)	- Council Member
Prof. Dr. Dang Hung Vo (General Department of Land Administrative Vietnam)	- Council Member
Mr. Wee Soon Kiang (Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers)	- Council Member
Dr. Wicha Jiwalai (Surveying and Mapping Society, Thailand)	- Council Member
Dr. Lukman Aziz (Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia)	- Council Member
Mr. Chettana Bhumichitr (Surveying and Mapping Society, Thailand)	- Council Member
Mr. Leo Nardy (Ikatan Surveyors Indonesia, Indonesia)	- Council Member
Dato' Hamid Ali (Department of Survey & Mapping Malaysia)	- Institutional Member
General Isidro Fajardo (NAMRIA, The Philippines)	- Institutional Member
Dr. Thongchanh Manixay (Lao National Geographic Department, Laos PDR)	- Representative
Mr. Sek Setha (General Department of Cadastre & Geography, Cambodia)	- Representative

NO.	MATTERS IN DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1.0	<p>The XII Council Meeting was called to order at 2.30 p.m.</p> <p><u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>The following Agenda was unanimously adopted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Address by the President ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 11th Council Meeting iii) Matters arising from the Minutes of the 11th Council Meeting iv) Report by the Hon. Secretary-General v) Financial Report by the Hon. Treasurer-General vi) Membership Drive vii) Report viii) Reports by the Respective National Representatives ix) Correspondences x) Any Other Matters xi) Adjournment 	
2.0	<p><u>ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT</u></p> <p>Dato' Abdul Majid welcomed everyone present. He then thanked Lembaga Jurukur Tanah, Semenanjung Malaysia for sponsoring a dinner table to the ASEAN FLAG councillors for the ISM 40th Anniversary Dinner tonight.</p> <p>He informed the meeting that the 2nd Biennial General Meeting needs to be convened before the month of November 2001.</p> <p>Dato' Abdul Majid said that his term of office is due to expire and he did not wish to stand for another term.</p> <p>Dato' Abdul Majid mentioned that there would be a seminar organised by the working groups for cadastre (Chairman: Dato' Abdul Majid) and geodesy (Chairman: Mr. John Manning of Australia) of the permanent committee for GIS infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (PCGIAP) on 11th – 13th September 2001 in Penang (Malaysia). Interested participants should contact Dr. Teng Chee Hua (of the Survey Department of Malaysia) shall be organising this event. He could be contacted through e-mail tengcheehua@jupem.gov.my (Tel: +603-26925311 ecxt. 2681 or Fax: +603-26912757)</p>	<p>KBK</p> <p>KBK</p> <p>Info</p>
3.0	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 11TH COUNCIL MEETING</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the 11th Council Meeting held in Singapore on 23rd November 2000 having been circulated earlier was taken as read and confirmed as true record of proceedings unanimously.</p>	<p>Info</p>
4.0	<p><u>REPORT BY THE HONORARY SECRETARY-GENERAL</u></p> <p>Mr. Khoo Boo Khean welcomed everyone and thanked them for making a special effort in attending this meeting. He then informed the meeting that due to unforeseen circumstances some of our council members could not present.</p> <p>Dr. Wicha Jiwalai was planning to come but unfortunately he suffered a slipped disc last week and upon of this doctor's advice, he has to remain in Bangkok for the time being. He was recently appointed as the Chairman of Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA). The Secretariat is to send him our congratulations on his new appointment.</p>	<p>Info</p>

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	<p>Mr. Chettana Bhumichitr tendered his apologies for not being able to present.</p> <p>Mr. Wee Soon Kiang had original planned to attend this meeting but had to cancel his participation due to work commitment. He is now the Head of Land Information Center. He informed that the Singapore's Survey Department has merged with the Land Office, Land Registry & Land System Support Unit to form the Singapore Land Authority on 1st June 2001 which is now a corporatised body. The Secretariat is to send our congratulations to him.</p> <p>Mr. Leo Nardy could not present due to work commitment. Mr. Rudolf Matindas also could not attend as at the last moment was asked to attend a Ministerial meeting in Jakarta.</p> <p>A few months ago, the Secretariat made a visit to the offices of NAMRIA in the Philippines. We have established a cordial relationship with NAMRIA. They indicated that they are very keen to come in a big way to support the ASEAN FLAG. There will be a change in the leadership of NAMRIA. General Fajardo is going to retire soon. Perhaps Mr. Adorador will be able to advise us who will be General Fajardo's successor.</p> <p>Our former Council Member from Philippines, Under-Secretary Jose G. Solis, has been successful in a recent election and is a Congressman now. The Secretariat has sent congratulations to him.</p> <p>Meanwhile, thanks to our Brunei members, we have a Newsletter, which is accessible via the Internet.</p> <p>Our delegate from the Philippines, Mr. Adorador, the Executive Vice President of Certeza will be making a presentation on Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR)</p> <p>Lastly, Mr. Khoo Boo Khean asked the Councillors' opinion to seriously consider as to whether ASEAN FLAG should continue tagging onto other meetings or conferences or hold event solely on our own endeavours. The advantage of doing the former is that our members will get a large attendance but the downside is that we could get "lost" amongst the crowd.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>All</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE HONORARY TREASURER-GENERAL</u></p> <p>Mr. Tang Tuck Kim informed that the Secretariat has been working hard to get outstanding dues from members. However, there is still a considerable amount of fees due. In the period between 1st August 2000 to 31st May 2001, the accounts clerk has received a sum totalling RM11,763.81 with a net surplus before tax of RM3,802.83 bringing an accumulated fund of slightly more than RM63,000.00.</p>	<p>TTK</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP DRIVE</u></p> <p>The council has unanimously approved the application from Geo-Surveys & Mapping Inc. Philippines to join the ASEAN FLAG as a Corporate Member. The secretariat is to inform them accordingly and to ask payment for the subscription fees.</p> <p>The council also noted the withdrawal of membership from Ukur Khidmat, Malaysia. There is no outstanding fee due from them.</p>	<p>KBK</p> <p>Info</p>

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8.6	<p data-bbox="252 210 485 244"><u>THE PHILIPPINES</u></p> <p data-bbox="252 277 1177 398">Mr. Reynaldo R. Adorador informed that he is attending this Council Meeting as representative for Mr. Federico Nadela, who had to attend a previous commitment in Toulouse, France. A letter to this effect was previously submitted to the Hon. Secretary General for record and reference.</p> <p data-bbox="252 432 1177 553">Mr. Adorador likewise extended the apologies of NAMRIA Administrator Isidro A. Fajardo (Institution Member) who could not make it to this meeting due to some pressing agency matters. It is also mentioned that NAMRIA will be celebrating its Millennium Anniversary on July 19 – 20, 2001.</p> <p data-bbox="252 586 1177 741">(It was incidentally mentioned by the Hon. Secretary General that the former NAMRIA Administrator Jose G. Solis has just become Congressman in the last Election. This is a welcome development as he is now in a good position to support he cause of Surveyors particularly in the aspect of law-enactment activities)</p> <p data-bbox="252 775 1177 1238">Mr. Adorador briefed the body on the present situation of the Philippines surveying and mapping industry, the development of which was somehow dampened by the recent socio-political events (impeachment, elections, kidnappings, etc.) in the country. He stressed however, that the industry is more challenged rather than discouraged by this situation. A concrete example is the decision by CERTEZA Surveying and Aerophoto Systems, Inc. to embark on an ambitious investment project on the use of Airborne Interferometric Synthetic Aperature Radar (InSAR) technology for topographic mapping applications. For this project, a German counterpart will provide access to the technology while CERTEZA provides the platform, air and ground survey crews and logistics. The project is slated to start in August 2001 and completed within one-and-a-half year (1/2 year for data acquisition + 1 year for data processing) and covering an aggregate area of 1,000,000 hectares. The council shall from hereon be provided progress reports on this matter.</p>	<p data-bbox="1204 277 1252 311">Info</p> <p data-bbox="1204 432 1252 465">Info</p> <p data-bbox="1204 775 1252 808">Info</p> <p data-bbox="1204 1178 1396 1211">Mr. R. Adorador</p>
8.7	<p data-bbox="252 1305 416 1339"><u>SINGAPORE</u></p> <p data-bbox="252 1373 1177 1561">Mr. Tang Tuck Kim informed that the (Singapore) Survey Department has merged with its Land Office, Land Registry and Land Systems Support Unit to form the Singapore Land Authority on 1st June 2001 which is now a corporatised entity. Our Councillor, Mr. Wee Soon Kiang is the new Head of the Land Information Centre (45 Maxwell Road, #08-13 URA Centre, East Wing, Singapore 069118)</p> <p data-bbox="252 1594 1177 1715">He also informed that the Singapore Institution of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) has been restructured to rationalise operations. The Chairman of its branches has been upgraded to Presidents while the post of the SISV Presidency is now relegated to a CEO.</p>	<p data-bbox="1204 1373 1252 1406">Info</p>
8.8	<p data-bbox="252 1787 392 1821"><u>THAILAND</u></p> <p data-bbox="252 1854 810 1888">No representative was present to give a report.</p>	
8.9	<p data-bbox="252 1955 376 1989"><u>VIETNAM</u></p> <p data-bbox="252 2022 810 2056">No representative was present to give a report.</p>	

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9.0	<u>CORRESPONDENCES</u>	
9.1	<u>YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION</u> The Hon. Seceretary General informed that the Editor of Yearbook of International Organisations had requested ASEAN FLAG to supply information for inclusion in their forthcoming issue of Yearbook of International Organisation. The meeting gave its consent to the supply of information but directs the Hon. Secretary General to find out the financial implication of the request.	KBK
10.0	<u>ANY OTHER MATTERS</u>	
10.1	<u>7TH SEA CONGRESS</u> The Hon. Secretary General informed that HKIS has invited ASEAN FLAG to a meeting on 16 th November 2001 in Hong Kong to discuss further on the preparatory work. ASEAN FLAG councillors also invited to the HKIS Annual Dinner on the evening of that date.	All
10.2	<u>PRESENTATION BY MR. TEO CHEE HAI ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN ASEAN ON THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN SERVICES COMMITTEE</u> Mr. Teo Chee Hai, the Immediate Past President of ISM briefed the meeting on the progress of the work carried out by ISM in the liberalisation of surveying services. In his presentation, Mr. Teo outlined the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A surveyor in Malaysia if a professional person with the academic qualifications and technical expertise enabling them to practise the science of measurement, assemble and assess land and geographic related information, use that information for the purposes of evaluating, planning, implementing and management for the efficient administration of the land, the sea and the structures thereon. Surveying in Malaysia refers to Land Surveying and Geomatics (including hydrographic surveying), Valuation Surveying, Property Consultancy (Estate Agency) and Property Management, Quantity Surveying (Cost Engineering or Estimating) and Building Surveying. ▪ ISM has been a member of the Malaysian delegation to the Asean Coordinating Committee on Services, the Committee tasked with implementing the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services. Malaysia, under AFAS, has also made indicative offers for liberalisation of two sub-sectors within Land Surveying and Geomatics and Quality Surveying. ▪ Malaysia, at the last CCS meeting in Jakarta, tabled a project proposal to convene a regional workshop for Intra-ASEAN consultation and Development of an ASEAN Framework for the Mutual Recognition of Qualification for Surveying Services. The proposed workshop would facilitate the commencement of consultation and dialogue amongst ASEAN surveying services stakeholders towards the: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of an ASEAN Framework for the Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualifications ▪ Development of an ASEAN Requirement for Qualifying as Practising Professionals ▪ Development of an ASEAN Standard Code of Surveying Practise. ▪ Development of an ASEAN Standard Code of Ethics for Surveying Professions. 	

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	<p>The meeting welcomed and supported the workshop as it represented a positive step forward in the services liberalisation and requested Mr. Teo Chee Hai to keep the Council informed of its development.</p>	Mr. Teo CH
10.3	<p><u>PRESENTATION BY MR. REYNALDO R. ADORADOR ON INTERFEROMETRIC SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR (INSAR) APPLICATION IN THE PHILIPPINES</u></p>	
	<p>Mr. Reynaldo Adorador, in this capacity as the Vice President of M/s CERTEZA Surveying and Aerophoto Systems, Inc., did a power point presentation on 'Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar Applications' which is a technique currently being implemented by this company. Reference is made to his report as country representative for the Philippines.</p>	
10.4	<p><u>SECOND BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p>The Hon. Secretary General reminded the meeting that ASEAN FLAG constitution requires that the Biennial General Meeting be convened by the end of October this year. It was agreed that this Biennial General Meeting be held in Johor Bharu (Southern Malaysia) on Saturday (13th October 2001). The secretariat is tasked in finding a suitable venue for this event.</p>	
11.0	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>Having no other matter to discuss the Meeting adjourned at 6.05 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.</p>	
	<p>Minutes Prepared By:</p> <p>Khoo Boo Khean Honorary Secretary-General</p>	<p>Minutes Confirmed By:</p> <p>Dato' Abdul Majid Mohamed President</p>