

# FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur: 'Surveyor Has Role in Sustainable Growth'



The 25th Congress of the International Federation of Surveyors in Kuala Lumpur has been officially opened by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the honorable Najib Razak. In his opening speech he said that the coming of the Congress to Asia was timely, because the region is growing fast and changing rapidly from an agricultural into an urban society.

The pressure on the land and resources - and therefore the environment - will increase. Sustainable growth therefore will determine strategies of politics, but also for surveyors. Spatial information is vital because it shapes policy-making, surveyors are responsible for translating raw data into pieces of information useful for policy-makers. Spatial information needs to be reliable and reusable, there lies a challenge for the surveyor of the future, according to the Prime Minister.

After his speech the Prime Minister opened also the exhibition coinciding with the Congress. The 25th FIG Congress is taking place from 16 June to 21 June , and it will consist of hundreds of presentations, side-sessions of the UN-Habitat Global Tool Land Network, the Worldbank and UN-GGIM, technical tours and workshops by platinum sponsors like Esri, Trimble and Hexagon. The Congress will be attended by more than 2,500 delegates from 99 countries all over the world.

*Photo: Prime Minister of Malaysia giving his speech at the occasion of the opening of the 25th FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.*

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