

Spatial Data Infrastructure Seminar at Map Asia 2007

The status of Spatial Data Infrastructure in the South East Asia and Pacific (SEAPAC) Region will be reviewed by various Surveying and Mapping agencies during Map Asia 2007. The conference, which is scheduled from 14 to 16 August, 2007 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Malaysia will host a Seminar on Spatial Data Infrastructure on 16 August 2007.

The Seminar, being organised by the Malaysian Centre for Geospatial Data Infrastructure (MaCGDI), which is will be attended by representatives from SEAPAC regions Surveying and Mapping agencies, representatives from local and International industry and government as well.

As a key component for planned development, organising Spatial Data Infrastructure is increasingly seen as a requisite by most countries in the SEAPAC region. Countries like Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia are already doing a lot to develop and implement SDIs in their respective countries. Agencies have been formed to collect, manage and disseminate spatial data in this region like MaCGDI in Malaysia and BAKOSURTANAL in Indonesia. The pacific countries - New Zealand and Australia already have an organised agency, ANZLIC as the Spatial Information Council, which provides leadership in collection, management and use of spatial information in that region.

In Malaysia, MaCGDI is not only an advisor to the Government of Malaysia in the formulation and implementation of policies regarding geospatial data but also, acts as the national centre for dissemination of geospatial data. With an aim of conveying the latest and correct geospatial information quickly and reliably, it manages to avoid wastage.

More than 1,000 delegates are expected to attend the three day long conference. More than 50 companies, both local and international will showcase their products and services at the parallely held exhibition during Map Asia 2007.