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## Fifth Meeting of the Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific Held with Success

*Prof. Yang Kai, Deputy Director General of SBSM*



*Welcome Address by Mr. JIN Xiangwen  
Director General, SBSM*

The Fifth Meeting of the Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (PCGIAP) was successfully held from April 19-22, 1999 in Beijing, China. Fifty-four representatives from the region participated in the meeting hosted by the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping of China (SBSM).

The meeting was opened by cordial welcome addresses of Mr. JIN Xiangwen, Director General of SBSM, and Dato' Abdul Majid Mohamed, President of PCGIAP. In the following days, the Committee discussed and analyzed the

progress and work plans of its two working groups and one taskforce in their main projects of regional geodetic network, regional fundamental datasets, and identifying the development needs of member countries. Cadastral issues and the formation of a cadastral working group within PCGIAP were also discussed. With the encouraging outcomes of the meeting, Beijing witnessed PCGIAP's another step toward its aims.

In conjunction with the 5th PCGIAP meeting, an International Seminar on Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) was jointly organized by SBSM and the Committee. Twelve presentations on the development of SDI at global, regional and national level were made by representatives of international initiatives and experts from concerned Chinese government departments and research institutes. Over one hundred people, including not only the PCGIAP delegates, but also representatives from diverse sectors of the host country, attended the seminar. It is believed that the PCGIAP meeting and the SDI seminar held in Beijing will give an impetus to the development of NSDI in China.

The next meeting of PCGIAP will be held together with the 15th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP) around March 2000.

## The Activity of ISO/TC211

The eighth plenary meeting of ISO/TC211 was held in Vienna on March 4 and 5, 1999. About 90 experts participated in the meeting from 26 countries and 8 liaison organizations. Eighteen resolutions were passed at the meeting.

The programme of work were adjusted in the resolution 99. Most work items are expected to be at the International Standard status in the year 2000.

The ninth plenary meeting will be held in Kyoto, Japan on September 29 and 30 this year. ISO/TC211 welcomes the participation of ISCGM in the meeting as a liaison member.

Working group meetings will be held prior to the plenary meeting.

Attached to the plenary meeting ISO/TC211 seminar will be held on October 1 at the same venue. Three TC211 experts will present on the issues of standardization of geographic information in TC211, and three Japanese specialists will explain standard related issues in Japan at the seminar.

More detail information is provided on the following web-site.: <http://www.statkart.no/isotc211>

<b>Countries and Regions of Global Mapping Project</b>
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**Participating (as of June 21, 1999)**

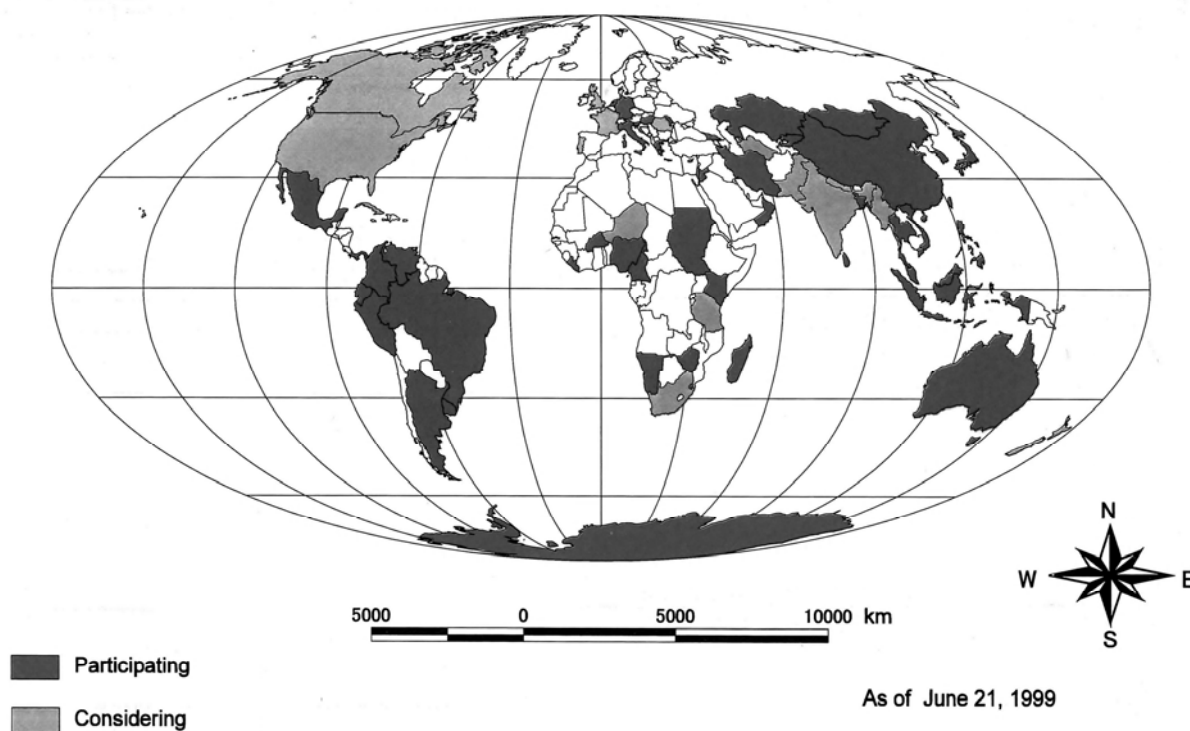
Country, Region	Organization
Antarctica	SCAR Working Group on Geodesy and Geographic Information
Argentina	Secretaria de Recursos Naturales y Desarrollo Sustentable - Direccion de Recursos Forestales Nativos
Australia	Australian Surveying & Land Information Group
Bangladesh	Survey of Bangladesh
Bermuda	Ministry of Works & Engineering, Bermuda Government
Brazil	Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatistica (IBGE)
Brunei	Survey Department
Burkina Faso	Institut Geographique du Burkina
Cameroon	Institut National de Cartographie
Cayman Islands	Lands & Survey Department
China	State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping
Colombia	Instituto Geografico Agustin Codazzi
Cyprus	Department of Lands and Surveys
Ecuador	Instituto Geografico Militar
Fiji	Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources
Georgia	The State Department of Geodesy and Cartography
Germany	Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie
Greece	Hellenic Mapping and Cadastral Organization
Hong Kong	Lands Department, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Hungary	Department of Lands and Mapping, Ministry of Agriculture and Regional Development
Indonesia	National Atlas Centre, BAKOSURTANAL
Iran	National Cartographic Center (NCC)
Israel	Survey of Israel
Italy	Italian Geographic Military Institute
Japan	Geographical Survey Institute
Jordan	Royal Jordan Geographic Center
Kazakhstan	Scientific Technical Enterprise of Digital Cartography and GIS, The Committee for Management of Land Resources, Ministry of Agriculture STE "Kartinform"
Kenya	Survey of Kenya
Kiribati	Land Management Division
Kyrgyz	State Service of Cartography and Geodesy of Kyrgyz Republic
Liberia	Liberian Cartographic Service, Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy
Macau	Direccao dos Servicos de Cartografia e Cadastro
Madagascar	Institut Geographique et Hydrographique
Malaysia	Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia
Maldives	Ministry of Construction and Public Works
Malta	Mapping Unit Planning Authority
Mexico	Instituto Nacional de Estadística Geografía e Informática
Moldova	National Agency of Cadastre, Land Resources and Geodesy
Mongolia	State Administration of Geodesy and Cartography Mongolia
Namibia	Directorate of Survey and Mapping, Ministry of Lands, Resettlement and Rehabilitation
Netherlands Antilles	Cadastral Service
Nigeria	Federal Ministry of Works & Housing, Federal Surveys Department Headquarters
Oman	National Survey Authority
Panama	National Geographical Institute
Peru	National Geographic Institute
Philippines	National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
Republic of Korea	National Geography Institute
Singapore	Mapping Unit, Ministry of Defence

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Country, Region	Organization
Slovenia	Geodetska Uprava Republike Slovenije
Sri Lanka	Survey Department of Sri Lanka
Sudan	Sudan Survey Department
Swaziland	Surveyor General's Department
Thailand	Royal Thai Survey Department
Uruguay	Servicio Geografico Militar
Venezuela	Servicio Autonomo de Geografia y Cartografia Nacional
Vietnam	General Department of Land Administration
Zimbabwe	Department of the Surveyor General

**Considering (as of June 21, 1999)**

Country, Region	
American Samoa	Niger
Ascension Island South Atlantic	Pakistan
Canada	Portugal
Cuba	Romania
France	South Africa
India	Tanzania
Myanmar	Turkmenistan
Nepal	United Kingdom
New Zealand	USA

**Current Participation in Global Mapping Project**

## Global Mapping Training Course by JICA

"Global Mapping" training course is reorganized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Geographical Survey Institute (GSI) is the training institution of this course.

One of the objectives of this course is to support developing countries to prepare the data of the Global Map (GM). Participants will not only grasp the concept of the GM, but also

make a sample of the GM in its curriculum. It will be held from Oct. 4 to Dec. 19, this year. Next year, the duration may be changed. Five persons are to be invited.

For more information such as the way of application to "Global Mapping" training course, please get through your government. The application shall be made through diplomatic channel.

## Greetings from New Secretary General of ISCGM

*Minoru Akiyama*

Dear Readers of the GM Newsletter,

It is my pleasure to inform you that I was appointed as new secretary general of the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM) on June 2, 1999 by the Chairperson Prof. John E. Estes.

I will do my best in achieving duties of the secretariat, as my predecessor Mr. Nobuo Nagai has done. In order to push forward the Global Mapping Project, I hope you will continue to

support us in every aspect of the Global Mapping Project.

We distribute this newsletter quarterly without a fee to the people who are involved or interested in the Global Mapping Project.

I would appreciate it if you send us any request on this newsletter.

## Global Map and Related Meetings

Followings are Global Map and related meetings. Information on related meetings will be highly appreciated. Meetings with "\*" mark are to be confirmed, and with "?" mark to be determined.

### 1999

- **19-23 July, Cambridge, UK**  
Cambridge Conference
- **24 July, Cambridge, UK**  
6th Meeting of ISCGM
- **14-21 August, Ottawa, Canada**  
19th International Cartographic Conference  
<http://www.ccrs.nrcan.gc.ca/ica1999/>
- **29-30 September, Kyoto, Japan**  
9th Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC211
- **1-5 November, Fremantle, Australia**  
6th South East Asian Surveyors Congress  
<http://www.isaust.org.au/40thcong/index.htm>

### 2000

- **February?, Bangkok, Thailand?**  
15th UNRCCAP
- **9-10 March South Africa\***  
10th Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC211
- **27-31 March**  
**Cape Town, South Africa**  
28th International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment
- **14-26 July, Amsterdam, Netherlands**  
19th ISPRS Congress
- **28-29 September, USA\***  
11th Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC211

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