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"Release of Global Map Bulgaria version 2"

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We are happy that the new version 2 of the Global Map project started with Global Map Bulgaria.

Bulgaria joined the project in 2008 and working process began in September, according to specification № 1. The project is implemented by the Agency of Geodesy Cartography and Cadastre of Bulgaria, through its own resources - capabilities, organizations and experts.

We collected and utilized geographic data from different sources, and then conducted further processing and preparation in accordance with the specifications required.

For data processing we used the standard functionality of GIS software products and custom developed scripts to enable the achievement of a good outcome.

Meaning and motive lead at the start of the project was understanding for development and implementation of projects for environment protection and conservation as well as early forecasting and helping people during natural disasters, cataclysms, etc.

The combined efforts of specialists from many countries and a good partnership with ISCGM, built this project from geospatial data to achieve the objectives facing all of us.



Our future expectations are to develop web-based applications, enabling to compare and analyze data for Bulgaria with the data for other countries with similar natural resources by various criteria and results to be displayed properly. The application will allow the elaboration of comparative studies of areas with uniform topography (mountainous or plain) in terms of various indicators – population, road network, regional development, agriculture, forestry and others.

With pleasure and enthusiasm our professionals could participate in forums with lectures and practical classes, organized by ISCGM, which could increase awareness and knowledge of development and improvement of the Global Map Project.

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Second Preparatory Meeting of the proposed United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geographic Information Management (UNCE-GGIM)

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Prof. Fraser Taylor, Chair of ISCGM, and Mr. Yoshikazu Fukushima, Secretary General of ISCGM, attended Second Preparatory Meeting of the proposed United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geographic Information Management (UNCE-GGIM), which was held May 10 –11, 2010 in New York. United Nations Statistics Division of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNSD) in cooperation with the Cartographic Section of the Department of Field Services (UNCS) hosted this meeting. Representatives from 16 countries and 15 regional and international organizations attended.

UNCE-GGIM is proposed as a global mechanism for discussion and coordination of critical issues in the field of global geographic information management. UN member countries and relevant organizations had a discussion toward the establishment of UNCE-GGIM in the first preparatory meeting held in October 2009 in Bangkok. This was subsequent



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second preparatory meeting. Main agenda items of the meeting were current initiatives and critical issues in Geographic Information Management and Terms of Reference for the World Conference and the UNCE-GGIM.

Prior to the meeting, ISCGM submitted scoping papers on UNCE-GGIM. These papers describe the need to integrate statistic data into geospatial information and importance of capacity building and



Scene of the meeting

dissemination of international standard, based on the experience of Global Map project. In the meeting, ISCGM stressed the usability of the experience of Global Mapping Project in forming the mechanism of GGIM. And it was recognized that Global Map could be a good example of a comparative global framework that can help expedite our global response to climate change issues and disaster risk management.

In conclusion, it was agreed that a global mechanism on GGIM under the auspices of the United Nations be required. A Report about the framework of UNCE-



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GGIM toward the establishment will be submitted to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2010 and its establishment in 2011 will be aimed at.

**JICA training course
"Global Mapping for Sustainable Development" has started.**

Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI)



"Global Mapping for Sustainable Development" that is a new JICA training course concerning the Global Mapping has started this year.

In this training course the participants are going to study the development and update of the Global Map data according to the new specification (The Global Map Specification Version 2) as well as the utilization of the data.

This year course consists of 8 members from 8 national mapping organizations (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kenya, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Timor-Leste and Uzbekistan).

The Geospatial Information Authority of Japan hosts them from June 24 - September 3.

We will introduce the training scene in detail with the coming News Letter.

From the Secretariat

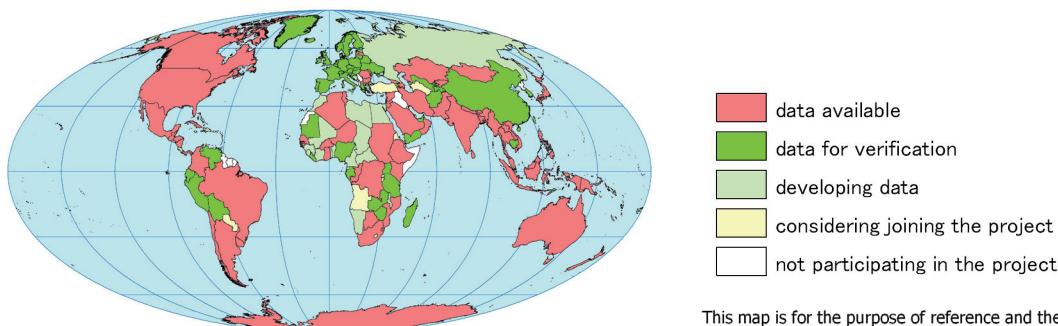
17th meeting of ISCGM will be held.

Date :October 17, 2010 10 am to 4 pm (Tentative)

Venue: Raffles Hotel, Singapore

Global Map Data Release and Participation in the Global Mapping Project

As of June 25, 2010, 164 countries/16 regions participate in the Global Mapping Project. Among them, data of 71 countries/4 regions have been released.



Global Map and Related Meetings

Followings are Global Map and related meetings. Information on related meetings will be highly appreciated.

2010

- **17 October, Singapore**
17th Meeting of ISCGM
- **18-22 October (to be confirmed), Singapore**
16th PCGIAP Meeting
- **19-22 October, Singapore**
GSDI 12

· 3-5 November, China

GEO-VII

· 9-10 December, Canberra, Australia

ISO/TC211 31th Plenary

2011

- **3-8 July, Paris, France**
XXV International Cartography Conference (ICC2011)



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