

Bismillah Hirrahman Nirrahim
Assalamualaikum Warahmatullah Hiwabarakatuh
Good Morning

Alhamdulillah hirabbil alamin, wassala tuwassala asyrafil ambiya hiwarmursalin, Sayyidina Mohammadin Wa'ala Alihi Wasahbihi Ajmain.

On this auspicious morning, we are most grateful to Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala, that we are all able to gather for the Closing Ceremony of The 8th South East Asia Survey Congress 2005.

Yang Mulia,
Dato Paduka Awg Hj Matasan bin Hj Mohd Daud,
Permanent Secretary (Administration & Finance)
Ministry of Development

Yang Mulia,
Awg Hj Mohd Said bin Pehin Penyurat Dato Paduka Haji Hashim,
Permanent Secretary (Technical & Professional)
Ministry of Development

Yang Berhormat,
Dato Paduka Hj Yunos bin Mohd Noh,
Vice-Presiden BIG

Professor Holger Magel,
President FIG

Yang Mulia,

Awg Hj Mohd Jamil bin Hj Mohd Ali,
Acting Surveyor General

Mr Bruce Morrison,
President New Zealand Institute of Surveyors NZIS,

Distinguished Delegates, Guests,
Distinguished Speakers, Exhibitors, Sponsors and supporters,
Members of The Media and the Organising Committee,
Ladies and Gentlemen

Firstly, on behalf of the Organising Committee, I wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Awg Hj Matasan bin Hj Mohd Daud, Permanent Secretary (Administration & Finance), Ministry of Development, Brunei Darussalam for consenting to officiate this Closing Ceremony.

The 8th South East Asia Survey Congress, being the flagship event of The ASEAN Federation of Land Surveying and Geomatics, ASEAN FLAG would not have been successfully organized without the concerted effort of the Brunei Institution of Geomatics, BIG with the collaboration of The Survey Department, Ministry of Development and the support of The International Federation of Surveyors FIG.

We recognize the great work of the staff of The Survey Department who form the major part of the Organising

Committee, who have been preparing for this Congress since Brunei Darussalam was given the honour to host this SEAS Congress in 2003. I would also like to reiterate our gratitude to the financial, in-kind and moral support extended by The Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Brunei Darussalam. We fully acknowledge the support extended by the generous sponsors, exhibitors and the active participation of the speakers and delegates. The congress not only provided a platform for the gathering and exchange of knowledge and information, but to foster new friendship and strengthen old acquaintance.

Yang Mulia Dato, Distinguished Guests and Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am happy to inform that in the margins of this Congress, Brunei Darussalam also had the honour of hosting various meetings of Regional bodies namely The Joint Land Surveyors Boards of Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore, Sabah, Sarawak and Brunei Darussalam followed by ASEAN FLAG Extraordinary General Meeting and Council Meeting. The United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, The UNGEGN held her Divisional Meeting. This series of meetings will culminate tomorrow with The Executive Board Meeting of The Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and The Pacific, PCGIAP.

Today, I am also pleased to inform you, BIG will pass the baton to NZIS who will be organizing the 9th edition of The SEAS Congress. This resolution was passed in Hong Kong at the conclusion of The 7th SEAS Congress. I am also happy to inform you that Indonesia has been given the honour to organize the 9th edition in 2009. As President of ASEAN FLAG, I wish to congratulate both New Zealand.

Good times pass very quickly. For our overseas friends, we wish you a safe flight to your loved ones. We sincerely hope you have benefited from the Congress and been able to savour the Brunei hospitality. On behalf of the Organising Committee, I thank you for spending time with us, and I wish to apologise for any shortcomings. We do hope your stay had been both comfortable and memorable.

Thank you for being here today. May Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala bless us all. Amin.

*Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.
Thank you.*