



GIS Development starts operations in Malaysia

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GIS Development Press Release

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GIS Development has opened its subsidiary in Kuala Lumpur to serve the entire market of the South East Asia and Pacific (SEAPAC) region.

Malaysia has been the spearhead of development in the entire SEAPAC region, with strong economic and developmental growths over the last decade. Malaysia is also one of the leading nations working towards overall ICT development in the South East Asia region. The amount of work that is ongoing in the field of geospatial sciences in Malaysia and its surrounds is immense and advanced. The advancements made in the geospatial technology and the growth being witnessed in the development and usage of the same within the Malaysian industry, government and research community lay down the need for an exclusive and dedicated forum for discussion on multiple aspects of geospatial technology.

With more and more users turning onto geospatial technologies in the region, there is a clear need to put forth a platform of exchange of tools and best practices. The opening of operations in Malaysia was a response to this growing need in the region for platforms of knowledge and experience sharing. The optimum location of KL, with its sound infrastructure and connectivity to almost all the countries of the SEAPAC region is an advantage that the new GIS Development office would tap upon.

In light of this, GIS Development announced yesterday, the launch of two products specific to Malaysia and the region – Map Malaysia 2006, (the annual Malaysian conference) and GIS Development Malaysia (a quarterly GIS Malaysian magazine). In an august gathering of the Launch Ceremony held on 2nd March at the Palace of the Golden Horses hotel, Kuala Lumpur, about 75 key members of the Malaysian geospatial community joined hands with GIS Development to discuss and deliberate on the evolution of these platforms. The first edition of the magazine was released in the ceremony.

Map Malaysia 2006 (www.mapmalaysia.org) is the first annual national conference and exhibition on Geospatial Information Technology and Applications in Malaysia. The event, first in the series, would be jointly organized by GIS Development and Malaysian Centre for Geospatial Data Infrastructure (MaCGDI). The event is scheduled to be organised on 3 & 4 of May 2006 at the same hotel.

“Map Malaysia will be an important point of convergence and a podium for Malaysian Geospatial community”, said Mr Mohsin Bin Haji Ahmad, Director, Malaysian Centre for Geospatial Data Infrastructure (MaCGDI).

Map Malaysia will have participation from Malaysian geospatial companies, Government agencies, user organisations and academic Institutions to facilitate exchange of ideas share knowledge and expertise in the field of geospatial technology. With its theme as ‘Geospatial Information & Knowledge Economy’ the conference will highlight the importance of Geospatial technologies in enabling the building up of knowledge base of Malaysia that is further utilised for the country’s economic development.



GIS Development Malaysia - the Malaysian GIS quarterly magazine, which was also launched in the ceremony, will enable the Malaysian geospatial community to showcase their research and advancements and express views in print publication. Releasing the Malaysian edition of GIS Development magazine, the Guest of Honour of the launch ceremony, Dato Nik Nasruddin Mahmood, Director of the Malaysian Centre for Remote Sensing (MACRES) stated, "GIS is growing leaps and bound in Malaysia and a platform like Map Malaysia would be of great value." Dr Abdul Kadir Bin Taib, Deputy Director General of JUPEM released the Brochure of the event and wished good luck to the magazine and the event.

"GIS Development realizes the need to provide platforms at national levels that can address the concerns of the geospatial community of a nation. The GIS Development Malaysia magazine is an endeavour in this direction," said Dr Ravi Gupta, Editor-in-Chief, GIS Development. Presiding over the ceremony, he added, "Malaysia's proactive and pragmatic policy regime, which is keenly aware of the fast changing world scenario, places it at the forefront of technological development and usage specially in the geographic information sector. Keeping this in mind, we at GIS Development chose this as the country for our first country specific edition and conference Map Malaysia2006."

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