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## Project nominations now open for 'Asian Geospatial Excellence & Innovation Awards'

Thursday, 9 June 2011, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: The Asian Geospatial Industry has been evolving and maturing as one of the mainstream business having its own identity in world economy. Undoubtedly, this has been possible only by innovations and excellence brought forward by geospatial technology developers, professionals, end users and policy makers in the region. In order to recognize and encourage such efforts, GIS Development – the Geospatial Media Company proposes to confer awards and recognitions for exemplary innovations and practices in the Asian geospatial industry.

Nominations for these prestigious awards are encouraged from all projects from Asia for the following categories:

- **Geospatial Excellence Awards** - for exemplary usage of geospatial tools in various fields implemented in Asia. (Governance, Infrastructure, Public safety, Utilities, Design and Engineering, Environment, Agriculture, Mining and Exploration, Transportation management, Business Intelligence, Insurance, Disaster Management)
- **Geospatial Technology Innovation Awards** – for innovations and developments in geospatial technology in Asia or having Asian collaboration. (Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry, LiDAR, 3D Modelling, Cartography, Web GIS, Mobile mapping, Enterprise GIS, Topographic surveying instruments.)
- **Geospatial Policies and Programs Awards** - Policy makers and implementers whose work directly impacts in development of geospatial science, technology and business in Asia to submit their nominations for this category.

The last date for nominations submission is **15<sup>th</sup> July 2011**. And can be done online at <http://awards.gisdevelopment.net> . The awardees shall be selected through a process and eventually judged by the industry experts. The awards shall be presented under the auspices of Asia Geospatial Forum 2011, being held in Jakarta, Indonesia between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

According to GIS Development's Chief Executive Officer, Sanjay Kumar, "The Asian Geospatial industry has been growing at a steady rate, and this can be seen in successful implementation of large scale development projects that use geospatial technologies at their core, all across the region. The Asian Geospatial Excellence & Innovation Awards is a step towards recognising best practices and also provide an opportunity to geospatial industry to learn from these experiences."

The award for excellence in the field of geospatial has been conferred to Tenaga Nasional Berhad; Seoul Metropolitan Government; Osaka Gas Co. Ltd.; ANTRIX– ISRO; Brunei Shell Petroleum Company; LAMP, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines; and Ministry of Transportation, Indonesia last year at map Asia 2010.

**About GIS Development**

GIS Development is a premier media organisation working to promote and propagate the usage of geospatial technologies in various areas of development for the community at large. GIS Development has been associated with this industry for more than 13 years now, to promote the Geospatial industry, provide a platform for advocacy and lobbying for Geospatial Industry and create awareness on Geospatial Technologies worldwide. More: [www.gisdevelopment.net](http://www.gisdevelopment.net)

**About Asia Geospatial Forum**

The celebrations of the 10th Anniversary of Map Asia would begin with the Inauguration of Asia Geospatial scheduled from 17- 19th October, 2011 in Hotel Mulia, Jakarta, Indonesia. The forum shall provide a platform for the global geo-informatics community to realise, recognise, and reveal the stages of dissemination and further enhance the various advantages of geospatial information worldwide and particularly in Asia Pacific region. It would make its way as an international initiative aimed to allow the convergence, sharing and use of geospatial technologies for a sustainable society. More:

<http://www.asiageospatialforum.org/>

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