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Re: 1st Indonesian Geospatial Technology Exhibition

Dear Director Matindas

Especially for a large island realm like Indonesia, up-to date and complete geospatial information of high quality is a matter of survival, and Bakosurtanal has made it its mission to provide this. It has also realised that the availability of this geospatial information in itself is not enough but that an awareness of the possibilities to use and apply this information in order to solve current problems has to be created. In this sense this First Indonesian Geospatial Technology Exhibition comes at a proper moment, as it can be linked to the current public interest in disaster management and the awareness in the business community of the value of geospatial information for their business pursuits.

The International Cartographic Association (ICA) therefore endorses the importance of this Exhibition in making the public at large, government departments, private companies and especially students in geo-information disciplines aware of the many potential contributions of high quality geospatial information for decision support and it supports this most relevant initiative by Bakosurtanal.

On behalf of the ICA we wish you much success in this endeavour, and we wish you many exhibitors and visitors for this Exhibition.

Yours sincerely,

Ferjan Ormeling
ICA Secretary-General