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CHAIR'S REPORT

Seasons Greetings to all young surveyors!

Welcome to the final edition of the FIG Young Surveyors Network Newsletter for 2013! It has been a mad, hectic, crazy year - but I hope you all have made the most of it!

This year has been our busiest so far - and we are planning for even more in 2014! You'll find a few of the more recent highlights in the pages of this newsletter - more Social Tenure Domain Model Trainings, the FIG Small Island Developing States Symposium held in September in Fiji, the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting ... just to name a few! You'll notice this edition's "Asia Special" too – the last two editions have had African and European flavours, so it's time to head east! There have already been many events in Asia this year, but we are now planning for the big one - the FIG 2014 Congress in Kuala Lumpur! The FIG YSN has spent considerable time planning out an appropriate 2nd FIG Young Surveyors Conference - this time integrated within the broader Congress. We've provided you with an overview in these pages, but the event is still very much your own - feel free to contact us to let us know you are attending, and to put your hand up to host a session or run an activity!

We say this every time, but it is especially true in the lead up to the FIG Congress – now is also the time to become active in an FIG Commission! Every four years a new FIG President is elected, and new Commission Chairs come on with new work plans and agendas. The current Commission 'chair-elects' will commence as Chairs in 2015, so they are now planning their future working groups and goals. If you get involved now – you could well be chairing or playing a key role in a Commission from 2015! Something to think about, no?

So, enjoy this latest edition of the FIG Young Surveyors Network Newsletter! For those celebrating Christmas and New Year, stay safe over the holiday period! I look forward to seeing many of you in 2014.

Best,
Kate
Kate Fairlie, Chair FIG YSN

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Everybody is welcome and we are always looking forward to broaden our Network!

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Malo e lelei and greetings from Kingdom of Tonga

Young Surveyors and the Aging Surveying Profession in Tonga

We were just recruited last year as Survey Trainees in the Survey and Geodesy Section of the Ministry of Lands, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources. Up to date, we have been introduced to this very important and demanding profession of surveying and we started to fall in love with its challenges. As a Small Island Developing States, surveyors play a vital role not only in its social and economic developments but also addressing the deadly impacts of climate change and sea level rise.

Within the ministry, we have six graduate surveyors, three long service untrained surveyors and us four survey trainees to service the country. Making everything worse, most of our graduate surveyors are approaching their retirement age. So therefore the future of the profession is at the stage of extinction, its future depends on us the young surveyors of today.

The ministry has been trying so hard to secure scholarships for us for overseas trainings. As a result, the Tongan government and New Zealand government have provided scholarship for two of us for the four year Bachelor in Surveying at Otago University in New Zealand. Unfortunately, two of us are still hunting for similar opportunities. We are also looking forward to be able to attend young surveyors' conferences and hopefully organizing and forming and regional gathering for young surveyors in the region.

The future of the profession in Tonga depends heavily on how many and how fast we young surveyors are recruited and sent for training.

We enjoy the profession which will become our companion for life....

Thank you very much...

By Nicolai Sosefo Kaitapu, Viliami Pahulu, Willy Vaotangi and Samiuela Tu'ungafasi,
Young Surveyors, Tonga

Background on Tonga.

We are the last remaining Kingdom in the Pacific. It was first introduced into the world when it was discovered by the Dutch explorers Wilhelm Schouten and Jacob Le Maire in 1616. More than one-hundred years later on one of his expeditions voyages, Englishman Captain James Cook named it the "Friendly Islands" because of their friendliness and warm hospitality. There are total of 176 islands altogether with only 52 are inhabited. Furthermore our GMT time difference is +13 hrs so it makes us the first to welcome each new day.



Source: <http://www.thekingdomoftonga.com>

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting

Held on 17th - 18th October 2013 in Lisbon, Portugal

European Young Surveyors together for tomorrow's challenges

The 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting was held in Lisbon, Portugal from 17th to 18th October 2013. Around 150 young surveyors from 32 countries gathered together to work towards a European Network of Young Surveyors and facing the challenges together as a team, as a Network.

The meeting started with an informal Icebreaker, on 16th October 2013 at the home of 'Ordem dos Engenheiros', the Portuguese Order of Engineers. It was co-held with the Closing Ceremony of the V International Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors organised by CNG. Thanks also to CNG and Geoweb for hosting this Icebreaker.

During the 2-day event there was a variety of sessions. The mornings focused on keynote speeches. While later in the day the Young participants were invited to join forces and work together towards a European vision for the Network. Also the young surveyors took over their role in shaping their own future by sharing their thoughts and ideas on ongoing and future projects. It was also a great opportunity to learn more about the FIG and CLGE and projects in Europe and internationally.

Also new presentation styles were introduced. This caused a dynamical environment and challenged the presenters. For many of them it was the first time to present in English in front of over 150 participants. Therefore these kinds of meetings are not just essential for the future of the FIG Young Surveyors Network but meetings like this are helping and supporting the development of young surveyors and create a platform of exchange.

The event was organised by the Ordem dos Engenheiros (OE) and the FIG Young Surveyors Network represented by Eva-Maria Unger (Austria) and Paula Dijkstra (the Netherlands). But of course this event wouldn't have been possible without all the help and support by the sponsors, participants, trainers and keynotes. Therefore we would especially thank our Platinum Sponsors: Trimble and Dravosa, Gold Sponsors: edp, Feno and Silver Sponsors: Kadaster, Leica and Topcon. Also especially we would like to thank FIG represented by president CheeHai Teo, CLGE represented by president Jean-Yves Pirlot and FIG Foundation represented by president John Hohol.

We wanna thank all the participants for your great work and contribution to the meeting and we are looking forward to some follow up actions!!!

Cheers to everybody!!!

Paula & Eva



Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) in Ghana

Held on 13th June in Kumasi, Ghana

The Ashanti Regional Branch of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS) held a seminar on the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) as part of the Continuous Professional Development for its members. The Lunch Meeting was held on 13th June at the Miklin Hotel in Kumasi.

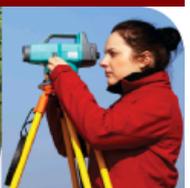
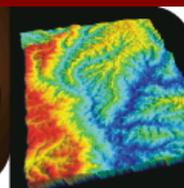
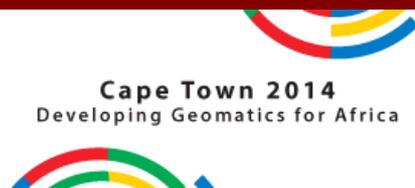
The STDM is currently being developed by the UN-HABITAT and the partners of the Global Land Tool Network. The overall objective of this Model is to enhance land tenure security by recognizing and recording the various land rights which exist between the formal and informal ends of the continuum of land rights.

Dr Eric Yeboah, a Lecturer at the Department of Land Economy, KNUST who was the Resource Person for the day stressed that conventional methods of land documentation such as land titling have proved to be consistently inadequate in accommodating the various shades of rights under the customary land tenure arrangement. The STDM which is both a concept and a tool employs 'fit-for-purpose' but affordable technology such as hand held GPS. The model also uses a carefully designed and tested questionnaire to obtain land information and attribute data land holders as well as the nature of social relations which may concurrently subsist of the subject parcel of land through a process known as participatory enumeration. Perhaps, the real strength of this tool lies with its flexibility which allows it to be used in slum settlements as well as agricultural/farm lands. The discussions which ensued after the presentation gave the indication that the STDM will be an improvement over existing strategies for developing reliable Land Information System.

The remark by one participant that 'the STDM will bring life and meaning to the Land Title Registration Law by recording even customary tenancies such as abunu and abusa' was particularly a welcome observation. Mrs Victoria Aboah (FGHIS), the Chairperson of the Ashanti Regional Branch of the Institution who coordinated proceeding charged participants to contribute ideas in order to make the STDM workable in Ghana. The President of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors Surv James Dadson (FGHIS) who graced the occasion expressed his delight about this innovation and has pledged to bring the Model to all Surveyors across the country through similar seminars.

The meeting was well attended by 60 Surveyors across the Ashanti Region. Also in attendance were the Vice President of the Institution, the Honorary Secretary (Surv Kofi Yawson-Adjei, MGhIS), Surv Anthony Gambah (FGHIS) and Surv Mark Kakraba-Ampeh, the immediate past Chairperson of the Ashanti Regional Branch.

By Eric Yeboah



Abstract and Full paper submissions deadline extended to 13th January 2014

The *AfricaGEO 2014* Conference & Exhibition will be held at Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) from the *1st July to 3rd July 2014*. The conference aims at facilitating interaction, discussion, collaboration and capacity building amongst the participants. It will provide a platform to share the latest developments in the industry of surveying and geo-information (including remote sensing and aerial imagery) and the very pressing issue of sustainable development. The conference will also promote and showcase the latest products and services the industry has to offer.

There will be special Young Surveyors sessions, workshops and activities!!!

For more information: <http://www.africageo.org/>

FIG Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium

Held 18 – 20 September 2013, Suva, Fiji

90 participants found their way to Suva to participate in the three day symposium from the following nations: Australia, Austria, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Germany, Israel, Kenya, Kiribati, Malaysia, Micronesia, New Zealand, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States and Vanuatu.

The overall theme of the symposium was
“Policies and Practices for Responsible Governance”.

During the three days focus on the three main thematic tracks were:

Improved governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests through the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure;

Improved geospatial information management through the strengthening of geodetic reference frame, national spatial information infrastructure, the creation, sharing and delivery of reliable geospatial information;

Securing access to land, land and property rights including the administering of customary rights and implementing a plurality of tenure system; Cross-cutting themes included capacity development, professional development and climate change.

The workshop program was developed with the assistance of FAO, UN-GGIM, FIG (in particular Commissions 3 and 5 and the Climate Change Task Force), the Fiji Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, the Fiji Institute of Surveyors (a member association of FIG) and the Global Land Tool Network Secretariat. The workshop was open to all, with specific emphasis on participation from Pacific Small Island Developing States.

FAO, UN-GGIM, the Fiji Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, the Fiji Institute of Surveyors and the Global Land Tool Network Secretariat worked closely together with FIG to organise this special symposium. The symposium was partly sponsored by FAO and UN-GLTN and funding was additionally and with great thanks provided by the Fijian Government.

Following outcomes were achieved:

Dissemination of information regarding global level initiatives including the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure and affordable access to land and basic services to surveyors and related professionals as key land, natural and built environment professionals at the operative level in the South Pacific Region;

Engagement of academic and teaching institutions to raise awareness of key surveying opportunities and challenges in the South Pacific Region;

Development of partnerships and networks with surveyors and related professionals as key land, natural and built environment professionals in the South Pacific Region; and

Capacity development of surveyors and related professionals as key land, natural and built environment professionals in the South Pacific Region to further the object of the global level initiatives.

A key outcome of the Workshop was The Suva Statement, which was discussed and agreed upon in the final session.

http://www.fig.net/pub/fiji/ppt/reports/Suva_Statement.pdf



I would like to share a quote from a surveyor from Osaka, which extremely moved me. “I not only think about the future of my kids, but also that of the kids from all over the world. Smoke from cars or news regarding pollution makes me anxious thinking about the children’s future. We, adults, have a responsibility to provide a safe environment to let them fulfill their dreams. I am trying my best to be a dignified adult for the future children.” As soon as I heard this, I was fascinated with agreement.

By Hyunkee Lee



The Young Surveyor Organization (YSO) in Ghana held a day's summit on 21st August, 2013 at the GNAT Hall in Accra. The aim of the summit was to provide the platform for Young Surveyors to build their capacity in order to effectively engage the challenges and enhance the relevance of the profession. The summit also provided the platform to inform members of the series of programmes and activities which have been designed to effectively equip and energize Young Surveyors in order to be worthy ambassadors of the profession.

Surv Obed Ampadu who spoke on the topic 'Opportunities for the Young Surveyor' highlighted the various opportunities out there for the Young Surveyor and accordingly challenged all Young Surveyors to strategically position themselves in order to become even more useful in the fast changing world. Surv Kofi Yawson (MGHS), the Honorary Secretary of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors indicated that despite the endless opportunities which exist for the Young Surveyor, being hardworking, building strong network with other allied professionals and continuously building ones capacity to meet emerging challenges are few of the crucial skills which are required by Young Surveyors to succeed. He advised Young Surveyors to embrace the idea of teaming up to start private consultancy firms in order to contribute their knowledge and zeal towards addressing the myriad of land related challenges which confront the nation.

The second session of the programme focused on equipping Young Surveyors with writing and conference presentation skill as part of the strategies to engage the challenge and enhance the experience. Participation of Ghanaian Young Surveyors in FIG, Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Economy (CASLE) and other allied professional conferences has been low over the years. The inability to write and present papers at such gatherings has often been cited as the main cause. The leadership of the Young Surveyors Ghana therefore took steps towards addressing this perennial challenge. Young Surveyors Dr Eric Yeboah and Dr Anthony Owusu-Ansah, who are Researchers and Lecturers respectively at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi and the The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, took young surveyors through art and techniques involved in carrying out research, academic writing and presentation at conferences. One participant remarked 'the presentation has broken the myth surrounding presenting papers at international conferences' and this observation largely reflected the feeling of about 100 young surveyors who were in attendance.

Surv Emmanuel Kyereh (FGHS), the immediate past president of the Ghana institution of Surveyors who chaired the occasion expressed his admiration for the new wave of enthusiasm which is blowing in the Young Surveyors front. He encouraged the leadership of the Young Surveyors not to rest on this achievement. Rather, they should intensify their efforts to make the organisation more vibrant both nationally and internationally in order to attract young intellectuals to pursue surveying related programmes at the tertiary level. Surv Emmanuel Martey (FGHS) the chairman of the Valuation and Estate Division of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors was particularly impressed with the decision to build the capacity of young surveyors to effectively participate in FIG and other international conferences.

The next YSO meeting is scheduled to be held on 18th September, 2013. Young surveyors are expected to be exposed to the relevance of professional networking and the need to actively participate in the activities of FIG, Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Economy and the African Real Estate Society among others. The months of October and November have been dubbed 'Spread the Word and Save the Profession' and series of activities such as meeting students both at the second cycles and tertiary institutions as were as various media outreaches have also been lined up. The climax of these initiatives will be the celebration of the first ever Young Surveyors Day.

By Eric Yeboah



Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accra>



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ASIA SPECIAL

Welcome to the Asian Special of final newsletter for 2013!

We are gearing up for the FIG 2014 Congress to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from June 16th – 21st. This Congress will bring the Second Young Surveyors Conference – this time held concurrent to, and entirely integrated within the broader FIG activities. Applications for the FIG Foundation Young Surveyor Fellowships have just closed and we have some stellar applications – many of which will be shared with you all, as they present some fantastic ideas and innovations for the future of surveying. If you didn't apply this time, take a look at the FIG Foundation website – www.fig.net/figfoundation - for alternative and future opportunities. The local organizing committee in Malaysia has also been generous in providing for both student and young professional reduced registration fees, so we hope that the Congress will be accessible to all of you – start saving now, attendance will definitely boost your career.

Until then, keep an eye on our Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter feeds as we continue to update you on the latest surveying news and events. Post and tag us as well if you have any news to share! We need your ideas and contributions as much as ever.

See you in KL,
Kate

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2nd FIG Young Surveyors Conference Concept Note

The Second FIG Young Surveyors Conference will be held within the 2014 FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. Feedback from our first conference, held immediately prior to the 2012 FIG Working Week in Rome was that whilst it was fantastic to host an event tailored to young surveyors, the extended period of time needed to attend an extra event was difficult to justify. So, this time around, we have designed the conference as a "Young Surveyor" stream within the overarching Congress – open to all, but specifically designed for the needs of young surveyors, with more workshops, career and hands-on innovation sessions. See the special conference program we have developed for an indication of what we will be offering.

Conference offerings include a range of old and new ideas that we wish to bring to the conference. Our afternoon coffee "speed networking" sessions will continue, and we hope these will support the launch of a mentoring program. We'll be targeting all of the trade booths and industry partners to highlight job opportunities and provide feedback on your resumes

Speed networking

Speed networking is held at every FIG Congress and Working Week. It involves surveying students and young professionals meeting up with potential mentors and experienced FIG professionals over afternoon coffee – but with a twist. Speed networking encourages participants to meet as many others as possible by suggesting participants move to meet a new person ...every five minutes!

Mentoring program

Something we've been talking about for a while, but hope to bring into practice at this event. We'll be announcing soon that you send in a one page biography, and paragraph on what you want to get out of mentoring. We'll then send out a call for mentors, match you up and provide a space for you to meet in Kuala Lumpur! For the moment, the program will be for those attending the Congress in Kuala Lumpur only, but we'll work on scaling up and out beyond that. We also hope to host some feedback sessions, where you can submit your resume for feedback or take a mock interview with our industry partners.

Conference session types

There will be three main streams to the Young Surveyors Conference: Workshop sessions, Professional Development and Hand's on "How To" sessions. Young surveyor papers will be presented as part of the existing Commission Technical Sessions. Workshop sessions will be hosted jointly with FIG Commissions, to include laser scanning, disaster recovery and lifelong learning and teaching. Professional development sessions will focus on how to fastrack your career, including grant applications and young surveyor TEDx Talks. Hands-on sessions finish up the mix, with training on how to harness social media for your mapping, how to support disaster management initiatives and how to develop your own surveying mobile app.

These are some ideas we have but we will keep you informed so stay tuned!!!



STDM – an Introduction to a pro-poor land information system

Held on 17th September 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

On 17 September 2013, the International Federations of Surveyors (FIG) Young Surveyor Network (YSN) invited selected participants in South East Asia to be part of the one day training on the 'Social Tenure Domain Model - Introduction to a Pro-Poor Land Information System' on 23 September 2013 in the International Campus, Universiti Teknologi (UTM)– Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

On 23rd September 2013, a group of 35 land professionals and experts including 15 lucky Young Surveyors who have shown interest on the subject attended the training. Most of the participants were from Malaysia but the event also attracted participants from other countries like the Philippines, Indonesia and Croatia.

The Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) is a concept and tool developed by UN Habitat Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) in close co-operation with FIG. It builds on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM). STDM is a new way of thinking in support to poverty alleviation and in serving the needs of the poor related to tenure security and land issues.

The STDM is a highly flexible tool and can include all people to land relationships: formal, informal and customary. The land-objects concerned can be represented in the system as points (to identify structures in slums), as a set of lines or as polygons. The parties concerned can be persons, groups of persons, co-operations or other entities. Overlapping claims can be included. Identification of objects can be done from imagery or from other source documents and photos.

Prof Alias Abdul Rahman, from the UTM Malaysia welcomed the participants.

Ms. Eva-Maria Unger, incoming Chairperson of the FIG Young Surveyors Network (YSN), introduces the YSN and cited its activities. She also gave a walkthrough of the training. Engr. Donmarl Camua, Philippines along with Nur Zurairah Binti Abdul Halim, YSN Malaysia, was invited to give updates on activities of the Young Surveyors in Asia – specifically in the Philippines and in Malaysia.

The LADM concept was briefly introduced by Christiaan Lemmen of Kadaster, the Netherlands. He focused on the representation of 2D spatial units.

Mr John Gitau of UN Habitat-GLTN cited land challenges faced by GLTN. He also introduced the STDM concept, its development and its implementations. After the morning snacks, Mr. Gitau also discussed the implementation of the software tool and guided the participants in the installation processes.

Before breaking for lunch, Mr. Gitau gave an overview of the tool's modules, walked through the functionalities and prepared data sets: names and ID's of parties and spatial units – linked by social tenure relationships.

Further discussion and workshop of the functionalities like digitizing and document management were explained in the afternoon session.

Before the closing of the event, Mr. Rohan Bennett of ITC, University of Twente moderated the discussion on the usability of STDM for different stakeholders and solicited general feedback on the concept and the tool itself from the participants.

Mr. Teo Chee Hai, FIG President gave his closing remarks by highlighting the importance of the STDM as a tool in Social Tenure and Land Administration.

All participants received a certificate for their participation in this STDM - Introduction to a pro-poor land information system event.

For more information and pictures of the program, please like this page! <https://www.facebook.com/ysnmalaysia>

By Donmarl D. Camua





LADM 2013 (Land Administration Domain Model 2013 Workshop) was held in conjunction with ISG2013 (International Symposium & Exhibition on Geoinformation (ISG) on the 24th and 25th of September 2013 at International Campus, University Technology Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur. The workshop was organized as joint activity of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia (JUPEM), Association of Authorised Land Surveyors of Malaysia (PEJUTA), Kadaster, ITC (University of Twente) and TU Delft. Preceding LADM 2013, a one-day awareness training on poor land information system (STDM) was welcomed by a group of 35 young professionals and experts. Most of the participants were from Malaysia but the event also attracted participants from other countries. The goals of LADM 2013 were to exchange initial (implementation) experience with LADM, to further refine/develop various parts of the model, to build relationships and interaction between participants with different backgrounds such as from the government, university and industry.

The program started with a Welcoming Address from Peter van Oosterom and the Keynote address was presented by the FIG President, CheeHai Teo with the topic "The Land Administration Domain Model and the Continuum of Land Rights". LADM 2013 was truly international as it has attracted authors (paper submissions) from at least 21 countries from all over the continent. Over 50 participants including five selected Young Malaysian Surveyors attended the workshop and a total of 25 peer reviewed papers were presented. Comprehensive themes were covered in the workshop such as the industry perspective on LADM, LADM and the information infrastructures, refined LADM modelling, LADM country profiles and implementation aspects. The paper 'Representing Roles in Formalizing Domain Ontology for Land Administration' by Kean Huat Soon did received the LADM 2013 best paper award.

A closing discussion concluded the workshop and among the subject that was highlighted was how LADM can contribute the 2015 global development agenda. All participants agreed that LADM is capable of supporting the progressive improvements of cadastres, fit-for-purpose cadastral requirement and organizational integration. LADM can be integrated with other geoinformation standards and requires maintenance to remain relevant. It was also concluded that sharing experience among LADM users are crucial to further develop and enhance the model.

As to show Malaysian hospitality, all LADM 2013 international participants were invited for a cultural show and dinner at the famous Saloma Bistro & Theatre Restaurant. They were introduced with Malaysian food delicacies and cultural diversity in the form of cultural dances. Some were even lucky to have participated in one of the traditional dance namely the 'Bamboo dance'.

Overall, it was a successful workshop. Due to its success, a mini workshop on the same subject was held on 8th and 9th November 2013 at University Technology Malaysia, Johor Bharu to further understand the model and develop Malaysia own LADM country profile. Selected Malaysia Young Surveyors were again given the opportunity to join the mini workshop and became one of the Core Group members of LADM compliance implementation in Malaysia.

By NurZurairah Abdul Halim

Young Surveyors in Japan get to know FIG YSN

Held on 22nd November 2013 in Hiroshima, Japan

Expanding the network of young surveyors is most important activity for our future and we must continue to get any chance to tell about the FIG YSN. I thought what can I do for it and decide to have a speech to teenagers about that.

I usually have no chance to talk any teenagers, even with teen surveyors. How to make?

At first, I asked my teacher Mr. Kawabata at my survey school which name is Kinki school of Surveying of having a chance to introduce about the FIG YSN. Fortunately, there was a class to hearing how do alumni work to survey in 22th Oct this year. He made 30 min and gave me.

On presentation day, Mr. Hamaguchi who is a master of school introduced me to students and told them they will come back to school as a great surveyor. Like me?

Another teller is Mr. Ueda had been to the Antarctic Pole. He brought some ices of there and the students were interested in them. While in school, we could not find what do we need to know but after graduated then, we were getting to want to know whatever surveying skills.

I attended the first young surveyors conference in Rome and got great experiences to know the world. After that I found what knowledge do we study and each countries have any problems for LAS. Almost Japanese surveyors don't go outside to any countries and communicate to foreigners. Knowing the world makes surveyors more active to learn any skills.

I explained what is the FIG, Young Surveyors Network, that Conference, Working Week, and so on. At the end of time, I read a message from Kate (Young surveyor Chair) and Eva (incoming Chair). We got so many claps.

Last my question is "Do you want to attend the FIG YSN Conference?" the 14 teen surveyors raise their hands. Which made me so excited. After that event, one of student send a message to me and he is interested in the FIG and YSN.

In the future, I want to continue such activates.

by Kazuaki Fujii



Greetings to young surveyors around the world!

My name is Hyunkee Lee, an Assistant Manager of Korea Cadastral Survey Corporation which specializes in cadastral survey and spatial information industry, as well as a member of FIG young surveyor network. I had been invited as the sole foreigner to the Japanese Young Cadastral Surveyor Conference on the 19th of last October, which was held at the OMM building in Osaka, Japan. Osaka is a major city in the Kansai region of Japan with numerous delicacies and amazing sights, which makes the city popular in the neighboring country, Korea. This also explains the reason why more than three hundred young cadastral surveyors have gathered from across the country this year. On the day of the event, the typhoon which hit the Kansai region seemed to paralyze the available transportation, but everyone was able to arrive at the conference, thanks to their passion. Now let me introduce our experiences of the 10th Japanese Young Cadastral Surveyor Conference.

Following Vice President Mr Ueda's opening declaration, we had a moment for the Honorary President, Mr. Matsuoka. Mr. Nishida's greeting took place after, and then I had an opportunity to recite a congratulation message from Kate Fairlie, the current chair of FIG Young Surveyors Network. The message addressed that Mr. Fujii's message of appreciation to the world for supporting the Japanese earthquakes was very touching, and this not only had an effect on bonding FIG and Young Surveyor Network, but also aroused the opportunity to expand the network to various UN organizations. It was also asking for Japanese young surveyors' interest in the 2nd FIG Young Surveyor Conference which will take place in Malaysia next year.

Professor Nishimoto's keynote talk personally gave me a strong impression. He stressed that the senior members overcame all obstacles under worse conditions, and we should never be satisfied with the present and pursue for better at all times. In addition, he also mentioned that our generation not only be responsible for terrestrial survey, but aerial survey as well and we must be flexible enough to match the flowing trend. Towards the end of his lecture, he asked the Japanese surveyors to give their best for the society. After that, we had a short break and I was given an opportunity to take a short tour of the conference room. There was a book that grabbed my sight; it was about a 2nd grader who discovered a survey control point and started to examine it. It interestingly featured photos and pictures along with the text. I was proud of the fact that a nine year old girl was able to make detailed records of a survey control point. It was able to enjoy a happy moment of picturing this girl as a member of FIG Young Surveyor in the future. State of the art equipments were exhibited in the room across the main event hall. There were many surveyors who showed deep interest in them. Apparently, I was one of them, too.

The following event was the main lecture – The history of Osaka Survey Data Center: From Foundation to Present by Professor Takimoto. There was an amusing event during this time. Including Professor Takimoto himself, some members put on makeup and costumes for a Japanese style skit with strong Osaka dialect. Everyone was able to share a laugh and the Surveyors of Osaka were praised for their teamwork.

The last lecture was about the power of neogeographer by Mr. Huruhashi. It was mainly discussing about open street maps, which sounded extremely promising as it required the participation of the users to develop. With this lecture over, we were through with the main event and we had a feast at a chinese restaurant on the 20th floor of the OMM building. During that time, the surveyors were free to socialize and catch up with others.

The 10th Japanese Young Cadastral Surveyor Conference was successful to provide a variety of quality information and had its significance in gathering different surveyors throughout the country. I am very grateful to be invited to an event like this twice. It will always stay inside me as a happy memory and I would love to share this experience together with young surveyors around the world. Thank you for reading my report!

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