



**Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial
Information Management for Asia and the Pacific
(UN-GGIM-AP)**

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Dear Colleagues,

The Second Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP

28-30 October 2013 Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran

It is a pleasure to announce and invite you to the Second Plenary Meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP). The meeting will be generously hosted by the National Cartographic Center of Iran and will be held in Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran from October 28 through 30, under the theme of “NGIAs' Roles in Successful Disaster Response.”

The theme was chosen based on a common understanding and recognition that strengthening regional capacities for disaster response is critical as Asia and the Pacific region is the most disaster-prone region in the world. The intensity and frequency of natural disasters are likely to increase due to environmental degradation, population growth, urbanization and climate change. Considering such circumstances, it is very important for us to meet and discuss disaster response and develop strategies in a coordinated manner.

In addition, global trends in the spatial web services will be discussed under the sub theme of “The Latest of Spatial Web Services Provided by NGIAs.” As the number of Spatial Web Services by NGIAs is increasing in our region, the sharing of experiences and lessons learnt in this area will certainly be beneficial to all participants.

I believe the meeting will certainly have something of value to offer to each one of you. The agenda is attached to this invitation as Appendix I.pdf. Further details of the meeting, including the registration procedures will be announced in due course and posted to our Committee's website at <http://www.un-ggim-ap.org/>.

We look forward to seeing you in Islamic Republic of Iran, in October.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Li Pengde
President