



The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies and the High Level Forum on the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN GGIM) initiative, Seoul, Republic of Korea

**ADDRESS BY JOINT BOARD OF GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SOCIETIES
CHAIR PROFESSOR WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT**

Greetings to

His Excellency, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Hwang-Sik KIM

Ministers and national representatives

His Excellency, the Under-Secretary-General of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang

Paul Cheung, Director of Statistics Division, United Nations

Distinguished Delegates and Participants

Representatives of the JBGIS Organisations

Representatives of Sister organizations

Colleagues from the International Geospatial community

Colleagues from the United Nations community

Friends

On this occasion of the High Level Forum on the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management initiative, I would like to convey the greetings from the member organisations and delegates in attendance from the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies. The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies is most honoured to be part of this most significant occasion.

The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies is a coalition of leading international geospatial societies that speaks on behalf of the geospatial profession at the international level, especially to the United Nations and other global stakeholders. It coordinates activities within the geospatial society and organizations, internationally.

Membership of the Joint Board comprises:

- Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) Association
- IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (IEEE-GRSS)
- International Association of Geodesy (IAG)
- International Cartographic Association (ICA)
- International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
- International Geographical Union (IGU)
- International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
- International Map Trade Association (IMTA)
- International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)
- International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM)

They are the leading societies in international geospatial information capture, analysis, provision and application.

The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies is committed to supporting society and governments by collaboratively facilitating initiatives and programmes that establish and grow the capacity to deliver timely, comprehensive and useful geospatial information. The member organisations of the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies will contribute to this initiative, and will champion the advancement of the UN GGIM initiatives through their various individual and collaborative efforts.

The JB GIS, through its member associations, in association with the United Nations Statistics Division, offers to contribute actively to the work of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management initiative and to take actions as necessary as a result of the Deliberations at this forum.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Cartwright', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Professor William Cartwright
Chair
Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies