

NAMRIA-NASG, CHN-PHL explore possible cooperative relations



BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS AND ENABLING OPPORTUNITIES Officials of NAMRIA, NASG, and the Chinese Embassy in the Philippines pose for a photo op prior to their meeting which aimed to advance the geomatics industry in both countries.

Leaders of the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation (NASG), the administrative organization in charge of surveying and mapping work in China, paid a technical visit to NAMRIA last 20 September to explore possible areas of cooperation between China and the Philippines in the field of geomatics.

NAMRIA Administrator Peter N. Tiangco and Ministry of Land Resources Vice Minister and NASG Director General Mr. Xu Deming led the high-level meeting held at the NAMRIA Boardroom. Also present were representatives from the Embassy of The People's Republic of China in the Republic of the Philippines.

Discussed were the work concerns and activities of NAMRIA and NASG and their potential strategic relations in the China-led Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific; in database management, remote sensing technology, and geographic information systems; and in the promotion and development of both nations' geomatics industry.

NASG prides itself in the completion of the 1:50,000-scale map database of China and the launching of the following: the Digital Cities project to provide geographic information services for city planning and management; the online map service called *MAP WORLD*; and in December 2011, the first civilian high-resolution stereo surveying and mapping satellite ZY-3.

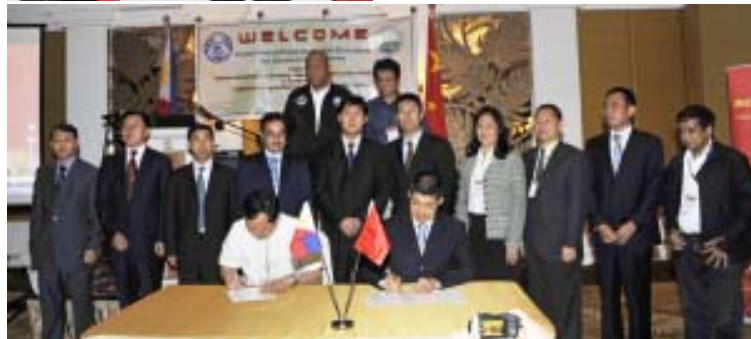
Meanwhile, the China-Philippines business dialogue on geomatics industry was held on 21 September 2011 at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel. In attendance were the officials of NAMRIA, NASG, and the Chinese embassy in the Philippines; representatives from Philippine government agencies and the academe; and the key players of both countries' geomatics industry.

In his message, Administrator Tiangco expressed the hope that more business partnerships between and among companies of both China and the Philippines will be made and sealed, thereby further benefiting the respective geomatics industries and strengthening the NASG and NAMRIA leadership.

Vice Minister and NASG Director General Xu in turn said that the geomatics communities of both countries should seize the opportunity to work together and strengthen communications in

order to carry out mutual, beneficial, multilevel, and multichannel exchanges and cooperation as well as to promote the progress of the geomatics industry for socioeconomic development. In so doing, a new chapter for China-Philippines friendship will be opened.

The dialogue was highlighted by the turnover to NAMRIA of Chinese-manufactured and -developed survey instruments and software packages and the signing of agreements between Chinese business entrepreneurs and their Philippine counterparts. **XRA**



(Top left picture) Vice Minister Xu presents the deed of donation for NAMRIA to Administrator Tiangco. (Top right picture) NAMRIA DA Linda SD. Papa receives software packages from the representative from Wuda Geoinformatics Co. Ltd. (Bottom picture) Surveytech Trading Co. and South Surveying and Mapping Instrument Co. Ltd. officials sign a business agreement to boost the geomatics industries in the Philippines and China.