



1st PGP Steering Committee Meeting Held



The Philippine Geoportal Project (PGP) Steering Committee held its first meeting last 19 January at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel. NAMRIA Administrator Peter N. Tiangco presided over the meeting which was attended by the members of the committee, namely: USec. Austere A. Panadero of the Department of Interior and Local Government, USec. Rene K. Limcaoco of the Department of Transportation and Communication, USec. Graciano P. Yumul of the Department of Science and Technology, USec. Louis Napoleon C. Casambre of the Information and Communications Technology Office, ASec. Nemesio T. Gako of the Department of Health, ASec. Reynaldo D. Laguda of the Department of Education, ASec. Danilo Augusto B. Francia and Director Nebuchadnezzar S. Alejandrino of the Department of National Defense, Asst. Director General Marcelina E. Bacani of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Director Denis F. Villorente of the National Computer Center, Mr. Rodel B. Carating of the Department of Agriculture, and Engr. Edwin Fortes of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The PGP aims to generate multiscale and standard maps which will be used by all government agencies and private institutions that are using geospatial information in their mandate and business. For the first year, the project will build one set of multiscale framework maps for Metro Manila and its environs. It will utilize modern technologies in building digital maps which could be automatically rescaled for different purposes and based on just one set of high-resolution imagery source. Administrator Tiangco spoke of the project's concept of "One Nation, One Map" which he said is similar to the "One Cabinet, One Map" of the President. "One Map", he said refers to "one set of multiscale base maps that can be used by a variety of users."

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between and among the participating government agencies is presently being prepared by NAMRIA for the approval and signature of the Department Secretaries in support of the PGP. The MOU will indicate the project rationale, the governance structure, and roles and responsibilities of each agency. The second and third steering committee meetings will be held on 30 March and 30 May of this year, respectively. (Text/Photos/Layout: Aubrey George T. Corpuz)



Steering Committee members

