



**Newsletter**  
**2025/2 (April 2025)**

# **2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IGRSM**

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The 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IGRSM will be held as follows:

- Date : 24 April 2025 (Thursday)
- Time : 5.00 - 7.00 pm
- Venue : Dewan Taklimat, Level 2, Tower Block, Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), 43400 Serdang, Selangor

The agenda is expected to cover the following:

- 1) President's address
- 2) Confirmation of the minutes of the 2024 AGM of IGRSM
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) President's report
- 5) Financial report
- 6) Debate on any motions tabled
- 7) Award of certificates of election to new Professional Members, Associate Professional Members and Corporate Members
- 8) Other matters

We look forward to greeting IGRSM members at this pivotal gathering and collaborate toward a brighter future in geospatial and remote sensing. Your presence is invaluable to us.

# IGRSM Talk 2025/1

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IGRSM Talk 2025/1 will be held on 24 April 2025 (Thursday), 2.00 - 4.30 pm at Dewan Taklimat, Level 2, Tower Block, Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Serdang, Selangor, with presentations on:

- *Digital Landscapes: Transforming Civil Engineering with Geospatial Intelligence* by Ir. Ts. Gs. Br. PMr. Dr. Cassidy Anak Morris, Director of Public Works Department (JKR) Sarawak
- *UzmaSAT-1: Malaysia's Leap into High-Resolution Remote Sensing* by Mr. Mohammad Fadhli Jamaluddin, CEO of Geospatial AI Sdn. Bhd.

Further details on the talk are available at: <https://shorturl.at/OOzEf>

## Call for Contributions to the Geomatics Legal Fund: Securing the Future of Geomatics Professionals in Malaysia

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IGRSM has filed for a judicial review with the High Court of Malaya regarding the recent amendment to the Licensed Land Surveyors Act 1958 and accompanying regulations. The legislative amendment took effect on 23 October 2024, despite concerns of various parties not being addressed. It severely restricts non-Licensed Land Surveyors (non-LLS) professionals from conducting geomatics surveys, impacting professionals who have long contributed to Malaysia's development.

Despite extensive engagement with stakeholders and government agencies, our efforts in requesting the authorities to reconsider this legislation have been unsuccessful. In view of this, the legal process is essential to:

- Safeguard the livelihoods of non-LLS geomatics professionals
- Protect innovation and competition within Malaysia's geomatics industry
- Ensure fair and inclusive practices for all qualified geomatics professionals

On 13 March 2025, the High Court granted leave for judicial review of the legislative amendment. The court also issued an ad interim stay, which applies exclusively to IGRSM and its members, pending the hearing of the main stay application. This means that the implementation of the amended provisions will be temporarily halted for IGRSM and its members until further court proceedings. However, IGRSM will argue that the stay should cover non-members as well during the hearing of the main stay application. The Institution remains committed to uphold the rights of not just its members but all those who have been affected by the amendment.

## Preparation of the judicial review documents at the office of the Advocate and Solicitor



The next case management session is scheduled for 9 April 2025, where the court is expected to provide directions on the exchange of affidavits, the comprehensive stay application which involves all others, and the potential hearing date for the judicial review.

IGRSM will continue to pursue the matter in court and will seek an early hearing date due to the significant impact of the legislative amendment. We remain committed to upholding the rights and interests of our members and those impacted, and will provide further updates as the case progresses.

### **Supporting the Legal Process**

While IGRSM has advanced its resources to this initiative, we are calling on our members, industry stakeholders and all those who value a thriving geospatial sector to contribute to the Geomatics Legal Fund. Your contribution will directly support:

- Legal representation for judicial review of the amendment
- Advocacy efforts for fair regulations
- The future of the geomatics industry in Malaysia

**At the High Court of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur on 13 March 2025 with the Advocate, Dato' Malik Imtiaz Sarwar (centre) and Mdm. Wong Ming Yen (legal team member).**



### **How to Contribute**

We invite you to support this crucial initiative by contributing to the Geomatics Legal Fund. Contributions can be made via bank transfer:

- Bank: Maybank
- Account Number: 562142808476
- Account Name: Persatuan Geospasial dan Remote Sensing
- Reference: Your Name / Organisation

For further information or to request for an official receipt for your contribution, please contact [igrsmalaysia@gmail.com](mailto:igrsmalaysia@gmail.com)

### **Together, We Can Make a Difference**

Your support is vital in this critical effort to uphold the integrity of Malaysia's geomatics industry. Join us in protecting the rights and livelihoods of professionals who have long contributed to the nation's development.

Thank you for standing together in this pivotal moment of time to defend the rights of all professionals to conduct geomatics works.

# Japan Geoscience Union Meeting 2025 (JpGU 2025)



IGRSM will be a co-convener for the session on *Geospatial Applications for Societal Benefits* at JpGU 2025, which will be held on 25 to 30 May 2025 at Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan. The meeting is aimed at providing a collaborative platform for global scientists, researchers and students to present and discuss the latest developments in geosciences across a wide range of disciplines, including earth science, climate change, geophysics and environmental science. Further details on the meeting are available at [https://www.jpгу.org/meeting\\_e2025](https://www.jpгу.org/meeting_e2025)

The session on *Geospatial Applications for Societal Benefits* (Session U-04) is a continuation of the geospatial applications sessions held in the previous three JpGu meetings. With current challenges such as climate change facing the world and impacting upon food security, the need for geospatial solutions that can benefit society is of greater urgency than before. The greater use of artificial intelligence to analyse geospatial data acquired through remote sensing, GNSS and GIS provides promising alternatives to traditional approaches.

The conveners of this session hope to create greater motivation, excitement and effort to promote further the geospatial applications field through presentations in this session. This session is a collaboration between members of IGRSM, Japan Geoscience Union (JpGU), Philippine Geosciences and Remote Sensing Society (PhilGRSS), Philippine Environmental Science Association (PESA), Geological Society of the Philippines (GSP) and Mongolian Physical Society (MPS).

Further details on the session are available at:

[https://www.jpгу.org/meeting\\_e2025/sessionlist\\_en/detail/U-04.html](https://www.jpгу.org/meeting_e2025/sessionlist_en/detail/U-04.html)

# National Agricultural and Food Engineering Convention 2025 (NAFEC 2025)

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IGRSM is a supporting organiser for NAFEC 2025, which will be held on 6 to 7 May 2025 at Dewan Serbaguna KPKM Putrajaya. This convention serves as a platform to discuss the latest research findings in agricultural and food engineering. At the same time, it will help establish collaborative networks to enhance the quality and advancement of agri-food engineering in the country.

Further details on the convention are available at: <https://event.msae.my>

## 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Agricultural and Food Engineering (CAFEi 2025)

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IGRSM is a co-organiser for the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Agricultural and Food Engineering (CAFEi 2025), which will be held on 25-28 August 2025 at Adya Hotel, Langkawi, Kedah. The conference, with the theme of *Cultivating Resilient AgriFood Systems for a Changing World*, is aimed at providing a forum to present and discuss new technologies in the area of agricultural and food engineering. It also aims to be a venue for critical discussion and potential solutions to overcome challenges due to global trends that influence food security and the overall sustainability of food and agriculture systems. In addition, it will also highlight development in research and innovation in agricultural and food engineering.

Further details on the conference are available at: <https://cafei.my>