



Newsletter
2026/1 (January 2026)

2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IGRSM

The 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IGRSM will be held as follows:

- Date : 28 April 2026 (Tuesday)
- Time : 5.00 - 7.00 pm
- Venue : Auditorium Jurutera Radin Umar, Administration Block, Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Serdang, Selangor

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 2026/1

IGRSM Talk 2026/1 will be held on 29 January 2026 (Thursday), 10.00 am - 1.00 pm, with presentations on:

- *Building Malaysia's Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure: A Coordinated Pathway to Smarter Maritime Governance* by Rear Admiral Dr. Najhan bin Md Said, Director General, National Hydrographic Centre (NHC)
- *Sustainability: The Role of GIS* by Gs. Danesh Prakash Chacko, Senior Research Analyst, Jeffrey Sachs Centre on Sustainable Development

The talk can be accessed via Zoom:

- **Link:** <https://shorturl.at/wUG19>
- **Meeting ID:** 821 9837 3923
- **Passcode:** 961467

Further details on the talk are available at: <https://shorturl.at/2kDyw>

13th IGRSM International Conference and Exhibition on Geospatial & Remote Sensing (IGRSM 2026)

IGRSM 2026 will be held on 5-6 August 2026 at Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The conference, with the theme *Geospatial Intelligence for a Sustainable Future*, is aimed at disseminating knowledge and sharing expertise and experiences in geospatial sciences in all aspects of applications. It also aims to build linkages between local and international professionals in this field with industries. Further details on the conference are available at <https://conferences.igrsm.org/igrsmc2026>

The organising committee of the conference especially requests for high quality submissions in areas related to geospatial science and technology. All accepted papers will be published as book chapters (Scopus-indexed) under Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Press.

Acceptance for oral / poster presentations in the conference will be based on abstract acceptance. However, only full papers that have been accepted by the reviewers will be published in the conference proceedings.

Financial Support for Students Presenting at the 46th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS 2025)

As an Associate Member of the Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS), IGRSM fully supports the activities of AARS, including its flagship event, the Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS).

We are pleased to announce that IGRSM has awarded financial support of RM 1,500 each to three students who presented at the 46th edition of ACRS, which was held on 27 to 31 October 2025 in Makassar, Indonesia: <https://acrs2025.mapin.or.id>

The terms and conditions for the financial support were as follows:

- The students should have membership in IGRSM.
- No outstanding membership fee.
- The students' manuscripts have been accepted at the conference.
- The students should submit the full manuscripts for evaluation.
- The selected students are expected to help promote IGRSM during the conference.
- Upon attending the conference, the selected students should submit proof of attendance to the conference (e.g., certificate of attendance, etc.).

The students who received the financial support are:

- Mdm. Tan Yan Eng (S1628), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM): *Cloud-Native Deployment of a Sinkhole Susceptibility Mapping Platform Using Google Earth Engine and Colab in Urbanised Karst Terrain*
- Gs. Rosli bin Yusop (M1145), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM): *GIS-Based Multicriteria Site Selection for Flood Retention: A Case Study in Rembau, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia*
- Gs. Nur Hidayah binti Zakaria (M1585), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM): *Urban Expansion and Carbon Footprint in Selangor: Remote Sensing and GIS Applications for Sustainable Cities and Climate Action*

We congratulate the recipients on this achievement and hope that it encourages them to strive for greater achievements in their careers in geospatial & remote sensing.

Judicial Review on Amendments to the Licensed Land Surveyors Act: Case Management Outcome

Following our previous update on the judicial review against the Licensed Land Surveyors (Amendment) Act 2024, IGRSM would like to share the latest development from the case management session held on 17 October 2025 at the High Court of Malaya.

The Court has given the following directions:

- **Hearing Date:** Both IGRSM's stay application and the Respondents' striking out application are fixed for hearing on 12 February 2026.
- **Substantive Judicial Review:** The substantive judicial review is fixed for case management on that day, subject to the Court's decision on the striking out application.

To recap, our stay application seeks to prevent the enforcement of the Licensed Land Surveyors (Amendment) Act 2024, not just for IGRSM members, but for all affected professionals across various sectors - pending the final decision of the judicial review.

The official interim stay order granted by the High Court remains in effect for IGRSM and its members. For your reference, the stay order can be accessed at: <https://shorturl.at/TrWpY>

We thank you for your continued support and will keep you updated on each milestone in this legal journey. The Geomatics Legal Fund remains open, and every contribution is valued and appreciated.

Contributions can be made to:

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

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