

Who am I ?

- **My name is T. N. Wong**
- **A Professional Land Surveyor**
- **Vice President from 2003 – 2006 with special duty for Asia Pacific Regions; and**
- **I wish to serve you as FIG President from January 2007 to December 2010.**

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Keeping up the good Tradition

Traditionally all the FIG World Congresses were held in the countries where the Presidents had come from.

- **FIG 2010 World Congress is in Sydney, Australia.**
- **Therefore The President should come from the region where the FIG 2010 World Congress is held.**

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Why from the region?

- **The amount of works and obligation leading up to and during the Congress requires great deal of regional input and close coordination.**
- **To save traveling time and costs.**

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Aims and Visions

- **Active Promotion and implementation of GSDI**
- **Closer Co-operation with Sister Organisations e.g. UN Agencies, IAG, ISPRS, IHO and ISM**
- **Effective dissemination of information to member associations**
- **Language issue**

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GSDI

- **for interoperability, inter-accessibility and sharing of survey data and information for:**
 - **1. good management and use of land for sustainable economic, social and environmental development; and**
 - **2. for provision of shelter, food, better standards of living.**

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Sister Organisations

- **Promotion of surveying profession and maintaining closer liaison and co-operation by taking parts in the activities of UN Agencies, IAG, ISPRS, IHO and ISM for good governance of land, sea and underground resources.**

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Dissemination of information

- **Academic and professional surveyors of all member associations need to express, meet, discuss, exchange ideas and to share their experience on their common issues.**
- **Information is of no use if it cannot be disseminated to the users because of language issue.**

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Proposed solutions to Language issue

- **providing a win-win workable environment for FIG General Assembly, plenary sessions; and technical sessions.**
- **Translation of good technical papers and works of Commissions**

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General Assembly, Plenary Sessions; and Technical Sessions

- **English, being the official language of FIG, shall be used to conduct General Assembly, Plenary Sessions and technical sessions**
- **All Power Point Texts shall be in English.**
- **Simultaneous translation shall be organized and carried out during these meetings**

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Translation and Websites

- **Good Technical Papers and the good works of the Commissions shall be translated by the different language speaking group namely Arabic (25), English (60), French (30), German (10), Spanish (20) and Chinese (2) and will be updated and published onto the FIG website.**

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Tools

- **Internet shall be used to communicate and exchange information.**

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Proposed Co-operation between FIG and FGF.

- **I support and share with the views expressed on the proposal of establishing a close co-operation between FIG and FGF in a spirit of complement and non-competing manner. This shall save a great deal of resources and costs.**

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Benefits and fruits

- **Benefits and fruits do not come easy to us.**
- **We need to speed up the rate of growth and progress of the surveying profession towards the management and use of land for a sustainable and better living world for our future generations to come.**

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To all member associations

- **I sincerely thank you for your support**

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