



The Jakarta Statement

“Surveying the Future –
Contributions to Economic, Environmental and Social Development”
3rd FIG Regional Conference
Jakarta, Indonesia, October 3-7, October, 2004

About Conference's Motto “Surveying the Future:

Don't ask “What will come?”

Ask on the contrary

“What could we do, to possibly make the world a little better”

– Sir Karl Popper, 1991

It is all about Sustainable Development . . .

The Asia and the Pacific Region faces many exciting challenges in the fields of political, economic, environmental and social development. On the occasion of the 3rd FIG Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific “*Surveying the Future – Contributions to Economic, Environmental and Social Development*” (Jakarta, October 3-7, 2004) the International Federation of Surveyors and its international and national partners believe that a well-balanced sustainable development in urban and rural areas is the key factor for a prosperous future and for just human living conditions for all people in these countries and societies.

Surveyors can in a manifold way contribute to a more sustainable development from establishing a basic geodetic framework to monitoring measurements in risk areas, starting from cadastre, titling, valuation, spatial data infrastructure and planning to comprehensive land management in urban, rural, coastal and marine zones.

Surveyors request policy makers and society to better recognise the indispensable role of surveyors as part and partner of a emerging civil society and nation building.

Surveyors demand policy makers to provide appropriate educational and professional frameworks and recognition.

FIG as the leading global umbrella organisation of surveyors feels deeply committed to the Asian and the Pacific region and is committed to further strengthen the profession in this important part of our common world.