



## **Building Policy Capacity on Geographical Names and Spatial Information for 18 Latin American Countries**

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*National Geographic Information Institute to host 18 member states of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History for the invited program starting from September 12th*

The National Geographic Information Institute (NGII, Director General CHO Woo-seok) under the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister WON Hee-ryong) will host a four-day Capacity Building Program on Geographical Names and Geospatial Information (hereinafter "Capacity Building Program") from September 12 to 15 at the Suwon Convention Center by inviting 18 member states of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH).

The Capacity Building Program, which was held for the first time last year and will be held for the second time this year, will be attended by 19 officials and experts in charge of geographical names and geospatial information from 18 states in Latin America among the total of 21 member countries of PAIGH.



In particular, during the Capacity Building Program, "Exhibition of Geography Books" will be held at the venue, co-hosted by the NGII and the participating countries. There will be national atlases and publications in the field of geography, including the National Atlas of Korea\* displayed.

It is expected to share the achievements of mapping and publishing in each country and provide an opportunity for participants to exchange various experiences and knowledge.

\* The National Atlas of Korea is a sophisticated national record, including Korea's territory and territorial waters, central government and local self-governing, spatial planning of the land, economy & industry, and won the first prize in the Atlases category at the 2023 International Cartographic Conference (13-18 Aug. South Africa)

In addition, the program was composed of various lectures on the topics of geographical names, old maps, cartography and geospatial information services, and national satellites, etc.

Participants will also visit major attractions such as Gyeongbokgung Palace, the National Museum of Korea, and Korean cuisine experience centers to intensively experience Korea's geography, history, and culture.

"This year, we have planned the program with more diverse lectures and activities than last year," stated the DG CHO Woo-seok of GNII, adding, "It is expected that the experience and know-how of each country's system operation in the field of geographic and geospatial information will be widely shared, and through this, Korea and all participating countries could be growing together as a global leader in the field of geographic and geospatial information".