Geospatial Technology for Peace: Resource Sharing

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ABSTRACT: Over sixty years of armed conflict in ethnic area is the most important concerns to get the peace and stability for the development in the Republic of Union of Myanmar. The conflicts are happened mainly along the border, resources worth and the least developed areas. Considering the development, the country must have politically stabled condition to attract the foreign investors. It is very important to reorganize or reintegrate the conflicted ethnics with the political stability. The facts which can promote the political stabilization are improvement of education, reduction of poorness and mobilization of communities. Moreover, Myanmar has richness on natural resources such minerals, biomass, solar, hydro, ground water. These resources could be one of the most important reasons which promoting conflicts.

‘How to share the resources in the conflict affected area’ will be the main issue following the peace. Since resources are location based information, the proposed objective is to conduct a capacity building program on the utilization of geospatial technology for the readiness of resource sharing and to mobilize the ethnic communities. The expected results are knowledge on location based information system for resource sharing readiness, mobilization of ethnic communities and become reintegration, communication, accessing, and educated. Thus the result could be a synergetic support for community development and reduction of poverty with stability and the peace.

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