

# **Implementing Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualification in ASEAN**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The International Federation of Surveyors Publication No. 27 (Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification) (2002) states that mutual recognition is an arrangement that allows a qualified surveyor who seeks mobility to another country to acquire the same recognition as that held by surveyors who have qualified in that country, without having to re-qualify. There is increasing realization within the ASEAN services negotiation forum that mutual recognition is necessary to ensure the mobility of professionals and thus a precursor to the free flow of professional services as envisaged by its Leaders. The 41st Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services in March 2005 agreed that surveying services as defined by FIG can be referred to in future discussions on the coverage of surveying services. The Meeting also agreed that Malaysia is to prepare the first draft of MRA in land surveying. This presentation will continue the discussion on a practical approach for mutual recognition of surveying qualification advocated by FIG. The presentation would also discuss essential components of the proposed Framework Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualification that is being drafted and negotiated under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services. This is being amongst the various efforts towards the implementation of mutual recognition as envisaged by FIG. The presentation will also attempt to outline the challenges encountered in implementing mutual recognition of surveying qualification within a regional services negotiation forum.

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