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# **Status of the Basic Space Technology Initiative (BSTI)**

**of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications**

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# Basic Space Technology Initiative (BSTI)

- Launched in 2009 under the framework of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications

## Mission

- To enhance access to space application tools for sustainable development through building capacity in basic space technology

## Objectives

- Support capacity-building in basic space technology, in particular through small-satellite development activities
- Ensure adherence to the relevant legal and regulatory frameworks and voluntary guidelines and best practices
- Promote international cooperation and information exchange in capacity building in basic space technology

# BSTI Work Programme

## I. Basic Activities

- 2009-2011 Symposiums on Basic Space Technology
- BSTI Website & Mailing List (<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/bsti/index.html>)
- Regulatory aspects (registration, frequencies, space debris...)

## II. International Space Technology Symposiums

- Conferences in the regions that correspond to the United Nations Economic Commissions for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Western Asia

## III. Space Technology Education Curriculum

- Basic Space Technology Education Directory based on a survey of Aerospace Engineering and Small Satellite Programmes
- Development of a Space Technology Education Curriculum

## IV. Establishment of Long-term Fellowship Programmes

## V. BSTI Projects

# I. Basic Activities: UN/Austria/ESA Symposia



- Series of three Symposia held in Graz, Austria
- Co-sponsored by the Austrian Government and the European Space Agency
  - 2009: “Small Satellite Programmes for Sustainable Development” (A/AC.105/966)
  - 2010: “Payloads for Small Satellite Programmes” (A/AC.105/983)
  - 2011: “Implementing Small Satellite Programmes - Technical, Managerial, Regulatory and Legal Issues” (A/AC.105/1005)



<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/bsti/fundamentals.html>

# I. Basic Activities: Technical Assistance



- BSTI organized special sessions on Capacity Building in Space Technology Development at the
  - Fourth African Leadership Conference on Space Science and Technology for Sustainable Development Mombasa, Kenya, 26-28 September 2011
  - VI Space Conference of the Americas, held in Pachuca, Mexico, 15-19 November 2010
- BSTI is providing technical assistance to Member States on issues such as
  - Registration of space objects
  - Frequency coordination (in cooperation with International Telecommunications Union)

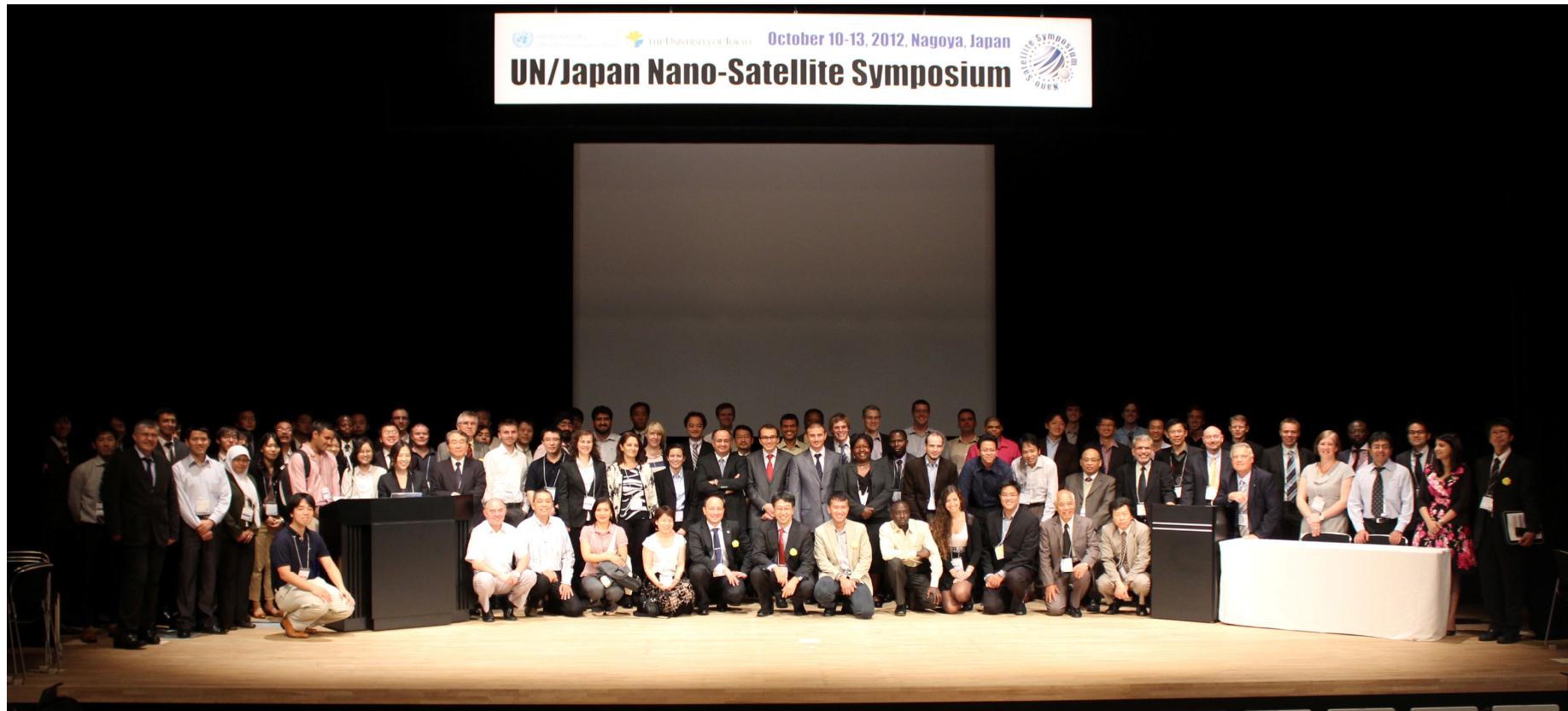
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## II. International Symposiums

- Symposiums will be held in the regions that correspond to the United Nations Economic Commissions:
  - Africa
  - Asia and the Pacific
  - Latin America and the Caribbean
  - Western Asia
- Symposium Objectives:
  - Address international and regional aspects of small satellite programmes and capacity building in basic space technology
  - Develop a United Nations Space Technology Education Curriculum in cooperation with educators and experts
  - Launch and implement BSTI Projects
- The Symposiums will build on the recommendations of the UN/Austria/ESA series of Symposiums 2009-2011



## II. International Symposiums



- Report on the United Nations/Japan Nanosatellite Symposium: "Paradigm Shift — Changing Architecture, Technologies And Players" : Nagoya, Japan, 10-13 October 2012 (A/AC.105/1032)
- See <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/bsti/japan2012.html>

## II. International Symposiums



 UNITED NATIONS
  THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

Nagoya, Japan, October 10-13, 2012

**UN/Japan Workshop and The 4th Nano-Satellite Symposium**

Hosted by **The University of Tokyo**

Held in conjunction with Japan Aerospace 2012

**First Announcement**

**Paradigm Shift - Changing Architecture, Technologies and Players**

Recent advancement of micro/nano-satellites' technologies and development process has made these tiny satellites more and more important and indispensable tools for space development and utilizations. Their characteristics of enabling low cost and quick development is expected to realize innovative and challenging missions of micro/nano-satellites including Earth monitoring, information gathering, education or even more individualistic usages as well as to involve more diverse players in satellite projects and application.

We sincerely hope that many engineers, researchers, scientists, students, users and business persons from all over the world will participate in the symposium and discuss together to enlarge and strengthen the micro/nano-satellite community.

**Schedule**

- May 10, 2012  
Abstract Submission Deadline
- June 15, 2012  
Notification of Acceptance
- August 1, 2012  
Final Paper Submission Deadline
- October 10-13, 2012  
Symposium  
(Workshop details to be announced)
- October 10, 2012  
2nd Mission Idea Contest

**Topics**

- Topic 1: Satellite Architecture and Technologies
- Topic 2: Innovation in Satellite Development Process
- Topic 3: Utilization/Application of Micro/Nano-Satellites
- Topic 4: Standardization
- Topic 5: Implementation Strategies for Sustainable Educational Structure  
(Subject to be change)

"We look forward to organizing the UN/Japan Workshop on basic space technology in cooperation with the University of Tokyo. As the first in a series of international workshops on small satellite development held under the framework of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications, it shall stimulate technological innovation and international cooperation."  
Dr. Werner Balogh  
The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

Aichi Industry & Labor Center (WINK AICHI) and Nagoya International Exhibition Hall (Port Messe Nagoya)

Hosted and Co-organized by United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and The University of Tokyo  
Co-hosted by University Space Engineering Consortium

Local Organizer: Nano-Satellite Symposium Office  
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www.nanosat.jp

**UNISEC**  
United Nations Institute for Space Training

- 2012 Workshop was hosted by the University of Tokyo and held in Nagoya, Japan, in connection with
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Idea Contest
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Nano-Satellite Symposium
  - Japan Aerospace 2012
- 2013 Workshop: To be held in the United Arab Emirates
- 2014 Workshop: Offer from Mexico
- 2015 Workshop: African Region (host country tbc)



# III. Space Technology Education Curriculum



- Development of a Space Technology Education Curriculum for use in academic institutions, such as the Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education, affiliated to the United Nations
- As a first step, BSTI conducted a survey of world-wide academic programmes in aerospace engineering and small satellite development (ST/SPACE/53)
- Meetings of educators to develop the Space Technology Education Curriculum will be held alongside the international workshops

# III. Space Technology Education Curriculum



- United Nations education curricula and education modules have been and are being developed for
  - Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems
  - Satellite Communications
  - Satellite Meteorology and Global Climate
  - Space and Atmospheric Sciences as well as data management
  - In preparation: Space Law, GNSS

## IV. Fellowship Programmes

**United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship  
Programme on Nano-Satellite Technologies**  
Hosted by Kyushu Institute of Technology, Japan

Doctorate in Nano-Satellite Technologies



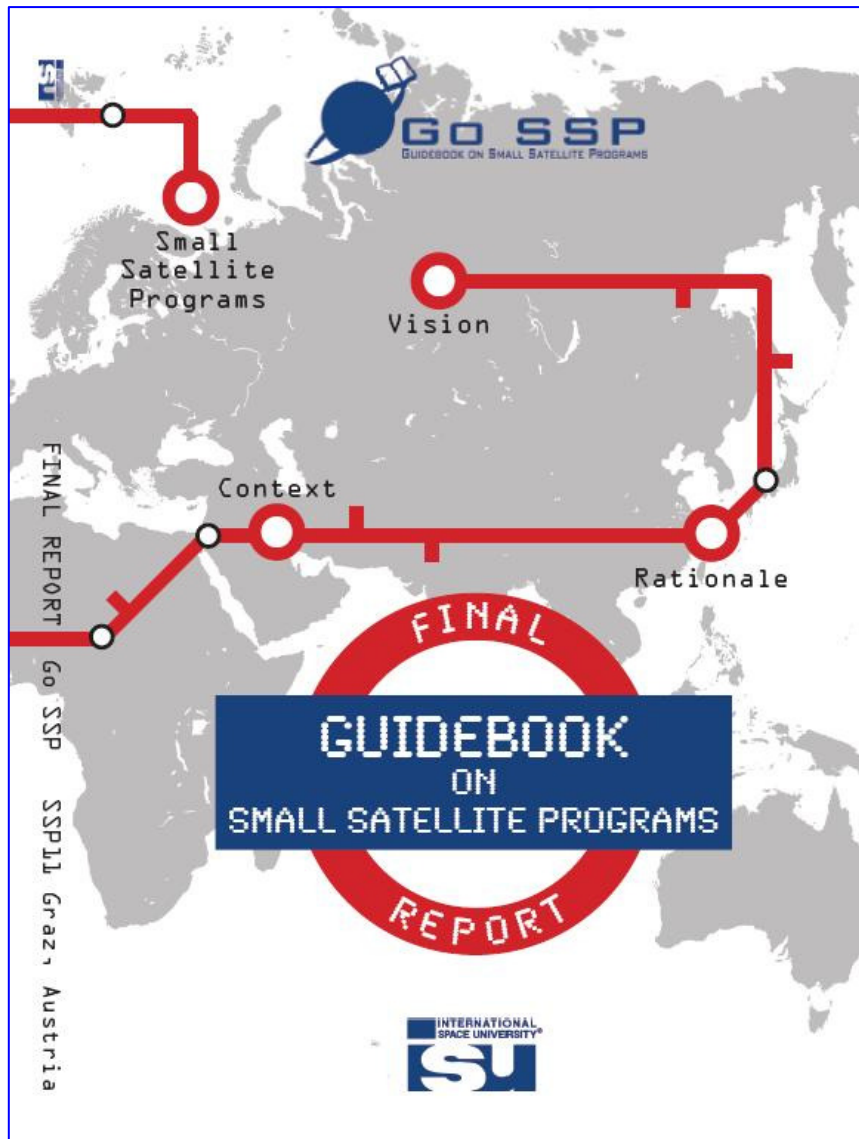
- United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship Programme, hosted by the Kyushu Institute of Technology at its Center for Nanosatellite Testing
- Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST)
- 3-year PhD and 2-years Masters programme, up to 6 students/year
- All cost (tuition, living cost, travel) covered
- Application package available from <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/bsti/fellowship.html>
- Application deadline: 28 February 2013

## V. BSTI Projects

- BSTI is also used as a framework to implement regional or international projects related to capacity building in space technology
- Examples of projects being implemented:
  - Support to the HUMSAT Constellation Project led by the University of Vigo, Spain. 1<sup>st</sup> launch 13 February, see <http://www.humsat.org/>
  - Development of a Best Practices Handbook for Small Satellite Programmes in cooperation with the International Space University



# Guidebook on Small Satellite Programmes



- Developed by participants of the 2011 Space Studies Programme of the International Space University, held in Graz, Austria
- Project conducted as part of the Basic Space Technology Initiative
- Project background and presentations see <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAp/bsti/isu-ssp2011.html>
- Final report and executive summary <http://gossip.isunet.edu>
- Considerations to develop a comprehensive guidebook under the Basic Space Technology Initiative



# BSTI Resources

- BSTI Website <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/bsti/index.html>
- Basic Space Technology Initiative (BSTI) - Activities in 2009-2011 and plans for 2012 and beyond, A/AC.105/2011/CRP.14, 30 May 2011
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# Thank you for your attention!

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