

APRSAF

ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL SPACE AGENCY FORUM

Japanese International Cooperation

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APRSAF: Background



Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum

- Establishment: 1993, following the Asia-Pacific International Space Year Conference (APIC) in 1992
- Goal: To promote and expand space activities and their applications for socio-economic development in Asia and the Pacific
- Participation: Space agencies, governmental bodies, international organizations, universities and research institutions, as well as private entities involted in space activities
- Organizers: MEXT, JAXA and local host organizations
- Host countries to date: Australia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam



APRSAF: Characteristics



Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum

Open and flexible forum

- In view of the diversity of needs in the Asia-Pacific region for space utilization and developments, APRSAF provides a flexible framework rather than legally-binding agreements.
- The open framework of APRSAF allows various entities to participate.

Voluntary participation

Participation in and contributions to APRSAF activities are on a voluntary basis.

Action-oriented approach

■ APRSAF takes concrete actions through its multilateral projects that address issues of common interest in the Asia-Pacific regions.





APRSAF: Structure



Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum

Working Groups

Estab. 2001 (APRSAF-8)





Earth Observation WG

SENTINELA

"Sentinel Asia"
Disaster
Management
Support System
Estab. 2005
(APRSAF-12)

Space Environment Utilization WG







Space Education and Awareness WG







Shift completed in March 2012

Initiatives

New Initiatives Estab. 2011 (APRSAF-18)



"Climate R³"
Regional Readiness
Review for
Key Climate Missions

Initiative for promotion of Asian cooperation on Kibo/ISS

Disaster management: Sentinel Asia

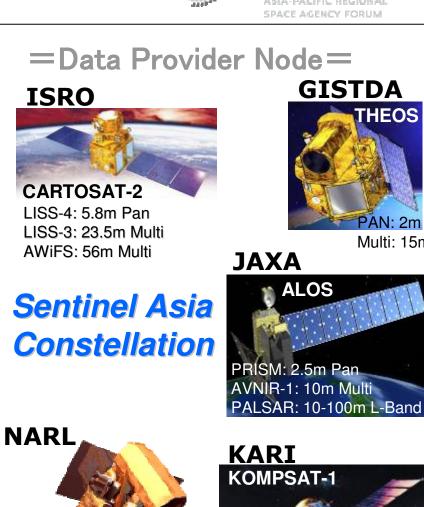


THEOS

PAN: 2m

Multi: 15m





PAN: 2m MS: 8m

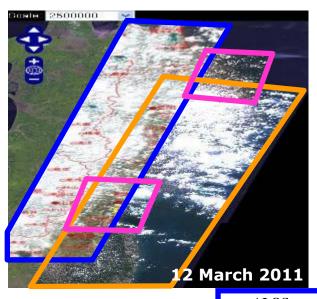
FORMOSAT-2

EOC: 6.6m

OSMI: 1km

Disaster management: Sentinel Asia

=Great East Japan Earthquake=







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ALOS

THEOS

FORMOSAT-2

CARTOSAT-2

= Flood in Thailand = observed by IRS on Oct./23/2011







SAFE:

Space Applications For Environment

- Background
 - Established in 2008 (APRSAF-15)



- Encourage environmental monitoring for climate change mitigation and adaptation studies
- Contribute to the GEOSS in nine "Social Benefit Areas"

New initiative: Climate R³

Climate R³

- Background
 - Proposed at APRSAF-17 in 2010 and adopted at APRSAF-18
- Objectives
 - Determine the ability of APRSAF countries and institutions to benefit from the data and information to be provided by climate-related satellite missions in the coming years
 - Raise awareness of the benefits of these missions and their expected in-country applications for APRSAF governments and societies

New initiative: Asian cooperation on Kibo/ISS APRSAF

- Background
 - Proposed and launched at APRSAF-18
- Objectives
 - > To share the value brought by Kibo/ISS to human beings
 - To promote new cooperation on the Kibo/ISS utilization in a more systematic manner while encouraging active participation
- Activities expected
 - Outreach activities related to ISS projects
 - Capacity building for utilization of space environment
 - Cultivation of new orbital experiments in Kibo among Asia-Pacific countries.





Space Seeds for Asian Future

APRSAF-18: in Singapore





- Date and venue: 6-9 December 2011, Singapore
- Theme: "A regional collaboration for tomorrow's environment"
- **Co-organizers:**
 - Singapore Space and Technology Association (SSTA)
 - Centre for Remote Imaging, Sensing and Processing, National University of Singapore (CRISP)
 - Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT)
 - Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- **Supporting organizations:**
 - **Science Centre Singapore (SCS)**
 - Strategic Headquarters for Space Policy
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- **Programme:**
 - ◆ 1st & 2nd days: working group sessions (4 working groups)
 - ◆ 3rd & 4th days: plenary session (country reports, presentation by int'l org's, etc.)
- Side Events: SAFE Workshop, Poster Contest, Water Rocket Event, Astronaut Event, Industrial Exhibition
- Participants: Approx. 280 participants from 28 countries and regions and 11 int'l org's, e.g. UNCOPUOS, OOSA, ESCAP, ASEAN-SCOSA, APSCO, ADB, IAF, etc. $_{\mbox{\tiny Q}}$



APRSAF-18 Special event:

Asians in Space: Achievements of Human Spaceflight in Asian Countries



- Date and venue: 8 December 2011, Singapore
- Invited Astronauts for the roundtable discussion:
 - Dr. Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu (Romania) (Moderator of the roundtable; President for ASE, Chairman for UNCOPUOS)
 - Mr. Soich Noguchi (Japan)
 - Dr. Talgat Amangeldiyevich Mussabayev (Kazakhstan)
 - Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor (Malaysia)

Objectives:

- Increase public awareness of the achievements of space explorers
- Establish a closer link between the network of space explorers and the APRSAF community
- Identify ways and means to maximize the positive impact of space explorers in Asia on the advancement of the society



Next: APRSAF-19



- Date and venue: 11-14 December 2012, Kuala Lumpur
- Theme: Enriching quality life through innovative space programs
- Co-organizers:

<Malaysia> National Space Agency (ANGKASA),

Ministry of Science, Technology and

Innovation (MOSTI)

<Japan> Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports,

Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT),

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)



>8-9 December: Water Rocket Event

>9-10 December: GNSS Workshop

▶10 December: SAFE Workshop

>11-14 December: Poster Contest











