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Realizing SPACE 2030 Through Multi-Lateral Cooperation

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20 years preparation

10 years practice



1988

China, Pakistan and Thailand came up with the idea of Multi-lateral Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region

1992

MoU on Asia-Asia-Pacific Multi-Lateral Cooperation in Space Technologies & Applications (AP-MCSTA)

2001

AP-MCSTA Secretariat established in China

2005

APSCO Convention signed by 9 States

2008

APSCO established

2008-2012
Initiation of APSCO cooperation activities

2013-2017
Standardization of APSCO Cooperation activities
Institutionalization of APSCO

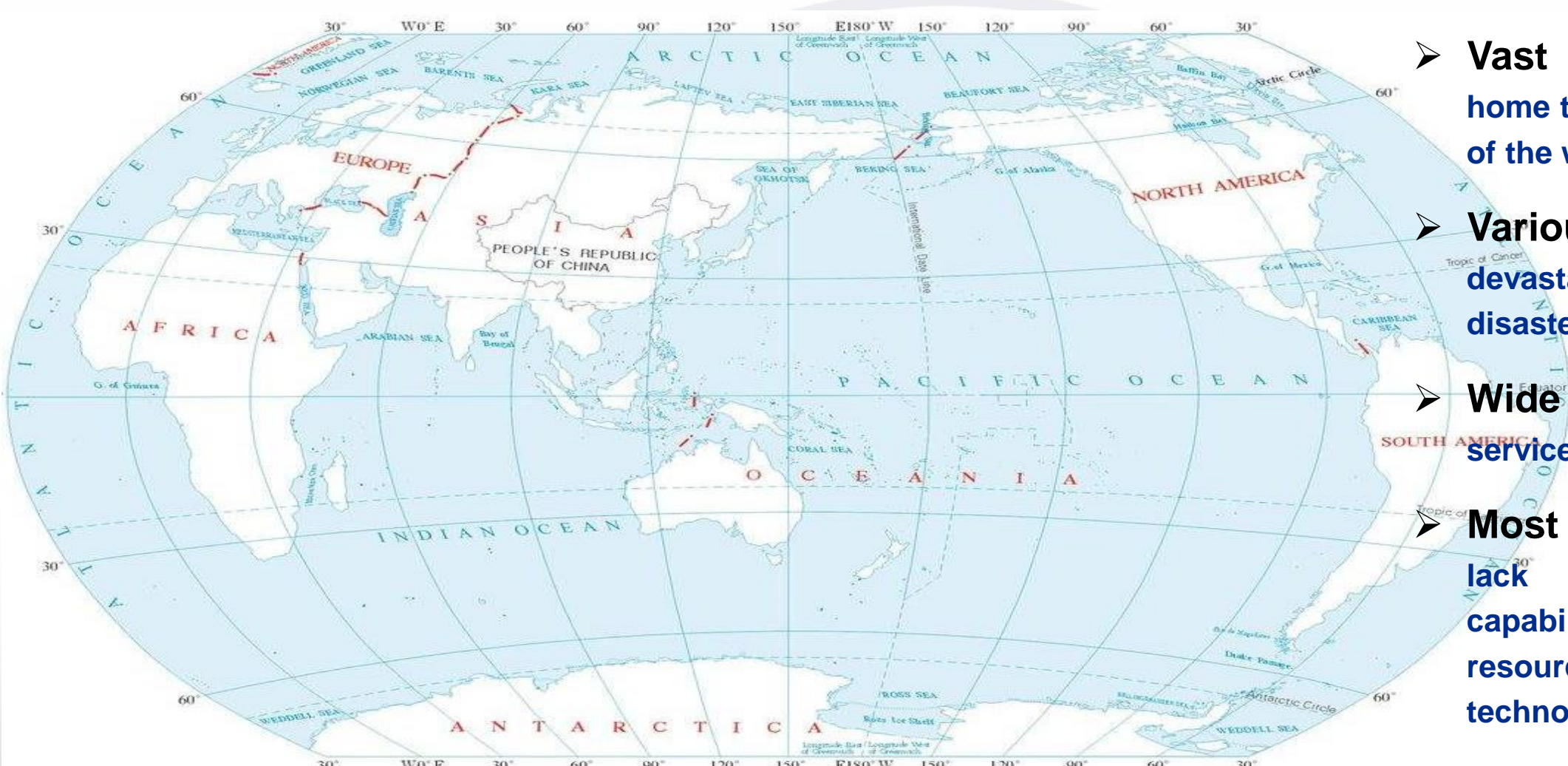
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Multi-Lateral Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region



- **Vast** Geographical area, home to 4.1 billion or 2/3rd of the world's population
- **Various** kinds of devastating natural disasters
- **Wide** range of satellite services demands
- **Most** of the Countries lack budget, technical capabilities and human resource in space technology



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SPACE2030

- Inclusive global SPACE2030 agenda for exploration, innovation and inspiration that calls for strengthened cooperation and governance of outer space activities along **4 thematic pillars**:
 - **Space economy** - development of space-derived economic benefits;
 - **Space society** - evolution of society and societal benefits stemming from space-related activities;
 - **Space accessibility** - communities using and benefiting from space technology and applications;
 - **Space diplomacy** - partnerships & strengthening international cooperation in space activities



UN CHARTER

UN COPUOS
Treaties,
Principles,
Guidelines
on Outer
space

GGE Report

Sendai
Framework
for Disaster
Risk
Reduction
2015-2030

MDGs-2015



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UNISPACE
+50

Thematic Priorities

- Global partnership in space exploration and innovation
- Legal regime of outer space and global space governance: current and future perspectives
- Enhanced information exchange on space objects and events
- International framework for space weather services
- Strengthened space cooperation for global health
- International cooperation towards low-emission and resilient societies
- Capacity-building for the twenty-first century



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2015 Beijing Declaration

- On the theme of “the Belt and Road Initiative for facilitating space capabilities building of the Asia Pacific countries”. APSCO held its Development Strategy Forum in Beijing on October 27, 2015
- Adopted ‘2015 Beijing Declaration’ with five action points
 - ① Space Capacity Building
 - ② Sharing Service Capability
 - ③ Quick Response Capability
 - ④ Industry Driving Capability
 - ⑤ Information inter-connection





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CONTRIBUTION FROM APSCO

A family for its Members to sharing their Resources



Member State
Associate Member
Observer State
Signatory State

Knowledge
Technology
Space Infrastructure
Finance & Manpower
Geography



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3G: Diversity in Geography

- In-orbit satellites of Member States and more Ground Stations in Member States
- Exploit advantage of geography for astronomical observation and launch corridor
- International Symposia and Workshops in different Member States within the region
- Regional cooperation for building resilience to disasters in the Asia-Pacific region
- Building Resilience contributes to achieving 11 out of 17 goals of SDGs
- Applications of Space Technology and Geographic Information Systems for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development
- Space Cooperative Networks--wider geographical coverage, more efficiency



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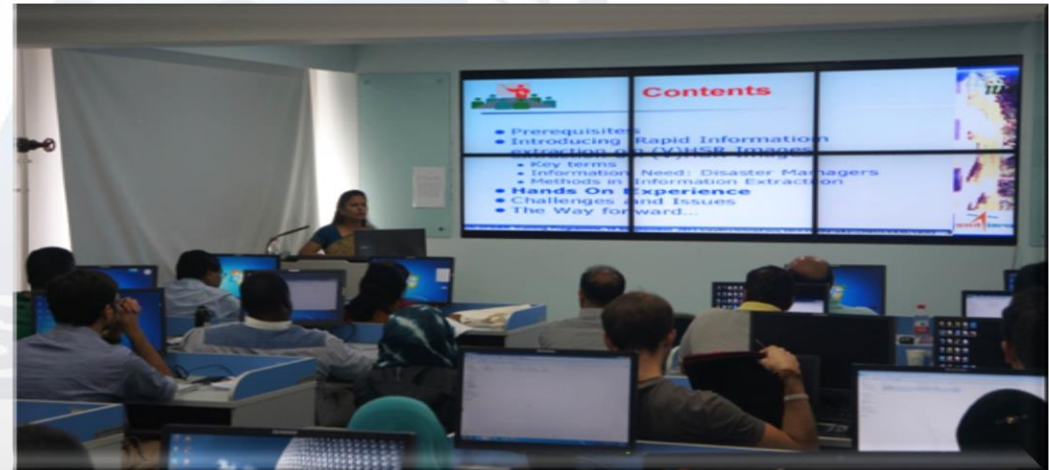
Geography Network

- Cooperation focus on establish 6 Networks:
 - ① Education and Training Centre Network
 - ② Data Sharing Service Platform Network
 - ③ APSCO Ground-Based Space Object Observation Network (APOSOS)
 - ④ Disaster Monitoring Network
 - ⑤ Science Technology and Application Network
 - ⑥ Space Segment Network and Inter-Connection of Ground Systems (SMMS)





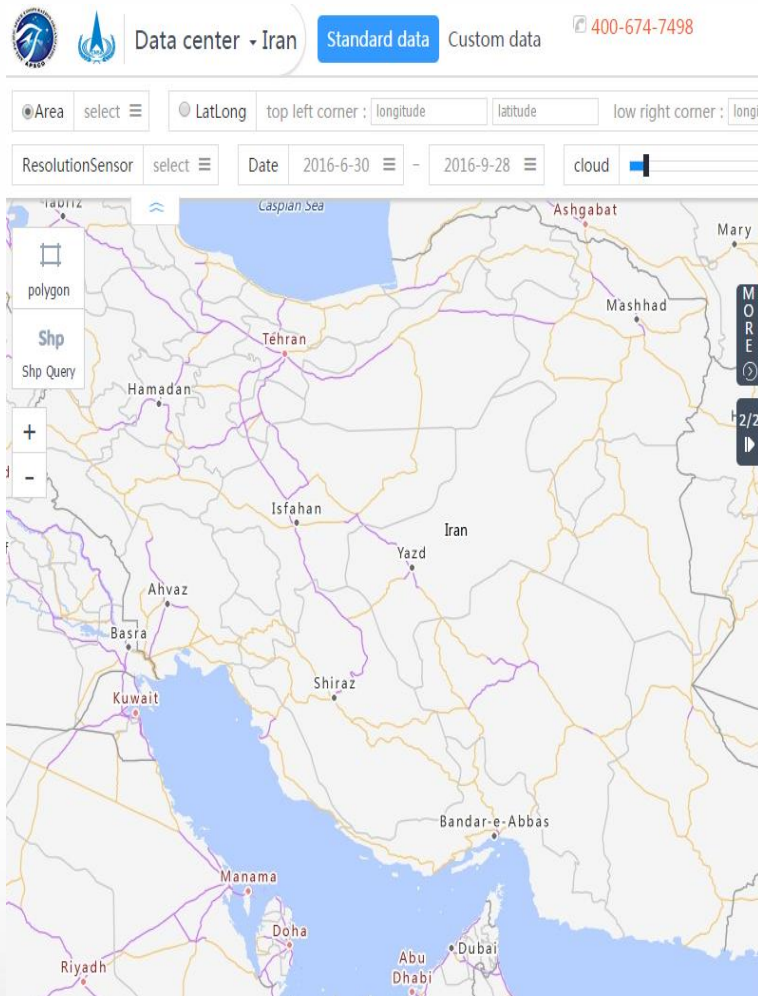
➤ A Network for frequent Exchange of Knowledge among MS





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② Data Sharing Service Platform (DSSP)



➤ Established in 2012, Update in 2016

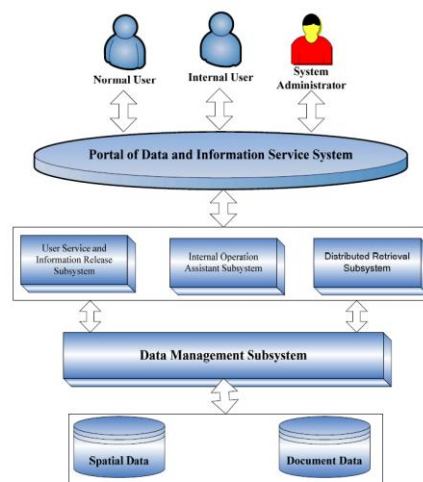
➤ Network for sharing satellite data

- ❑ Data provided by 9 Earth-observation satellites from China
- ❑ More than 223,000 satellite images
- ❑ More than 20 million km² coverage area
- ❑ 1000 scenes/year to each MS of different resolution level
- ❑ 35 Authorized Users

➤ World wide open in near future

➤ Enhanced Database

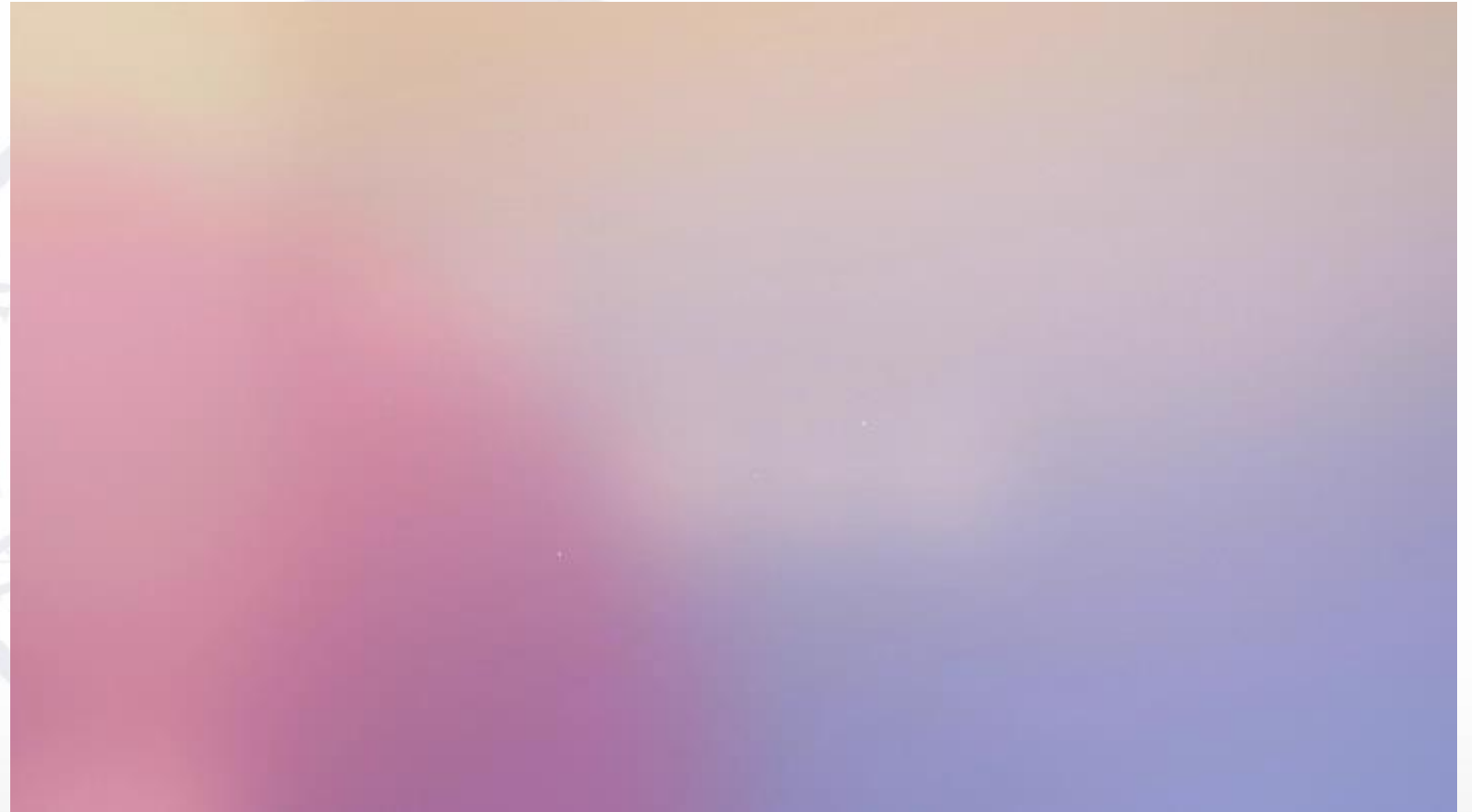
- ❑ Meteorological satellite data
- ❑ Space and ground-based measurement data
- ❑ Knowledge management database
- ❑ APSCO Center of Excellent





Platform Functions

The main function of this service is to retrieve and query satellite images according to the requests from customers, which can query archive satellite data and judge the available satellite data in the future.





Applied images DSSP I 2015.1-2016.4 & DSSP II 2016.9- Application was not as good as expected

		Bangladesh	Iran	Mongolia	Pakistan	Peru	Thailand	Turkey	Indonesia
GF-1	PMS	141	602	5177	2155	88	149	63	1039
	WV	116	381	1033	822	12	108	27	653
HJ-1A	HIS	3988	7832	41477	13872	0	8920	29	9807
	CCD1	2045	1775	10457	4026	110	3149	110	3907
	CCD2	1734	2647	10041	4430	185	2974	185	3692
Hj-1B	IRS	1904	1451	10339	3281	22	3663	92	2832
	CCD1	1932	1639	11020	3017	89	3296	81	4023
	CCD2	1569	2067	10533	3471	128	3108	169	3748
DSSP I Source	223432	13429	18394	100077	35074	634	25367	756	29701
Applied I	5171	45	24	0	123	2607	2343	29	0
DSSP II Source	109691	3320	24188	44683	24549	2225	7482	3314	0
Applied II	589	224	4	113	56	58	109	25	0
Total applied	5760	269	28	113	179	2665	2452	54	



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② *Data Sharing Service Platform (DSSP)*

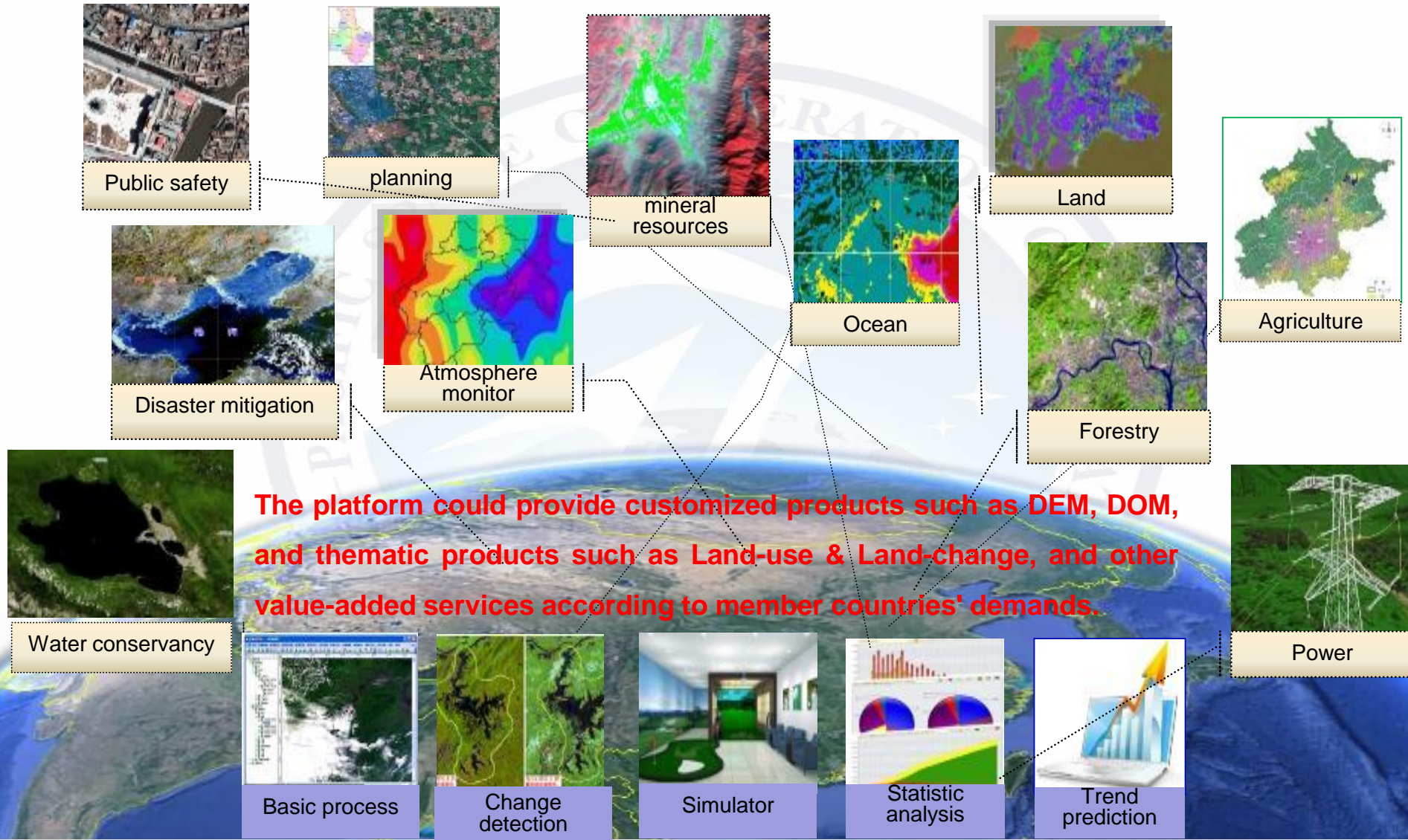
Training: 7 On Site Trainings on “Remote Sensing Application and DSSP”

Trainees: 320





Users from different Fields





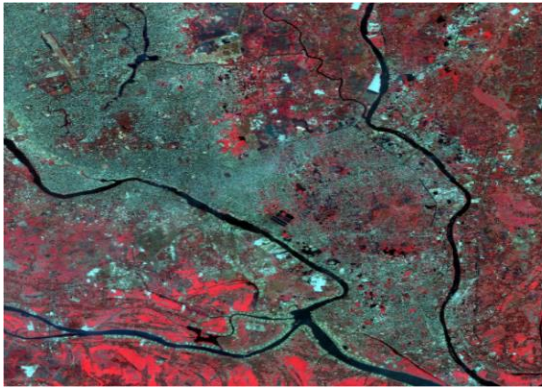
Application situation 3 months after the on site trainings

		Bangladesh	Iran	Mongolia	Pakistan	Peru	Thailand	Turkey	
Storage Source	109691	3320	24188	44683	24549	2225	7482	3314	
Released	705	205	41	113	23	42	249	32	
Order	303	90	17	52	12	31	84	17	

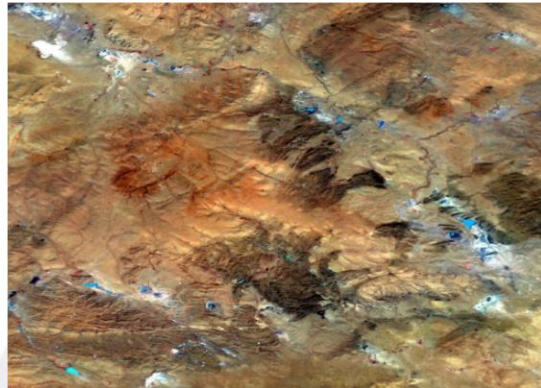


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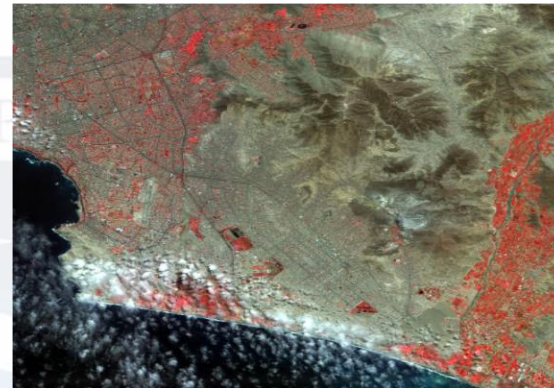
Disaster Management Framework & Response Mechanism



Land use monitoring
Dhaka, Bangladesh,
2016



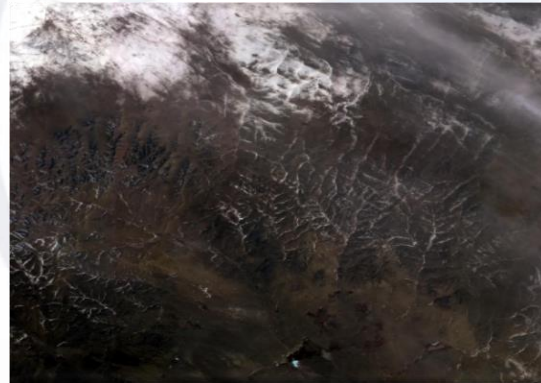
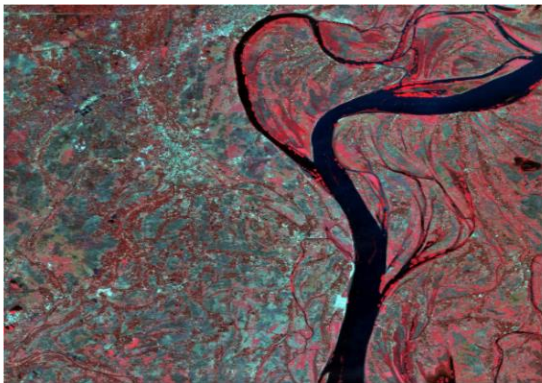
Water coverage and snow
coverage, Mongolia,
2016-2017



Flood affected area
monitoring May 2017,
Lima, Peru.



Earthquake monitoring
Jan 2017, Mexico.

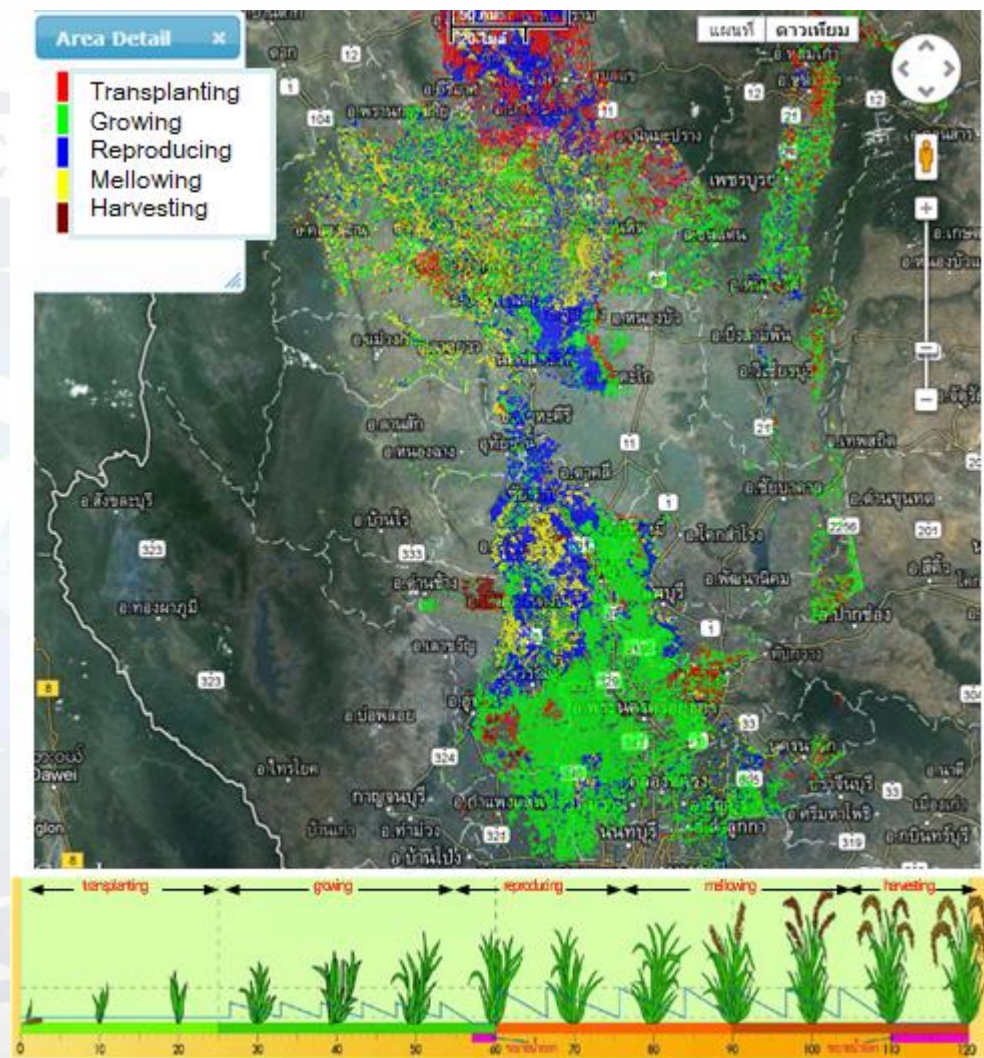
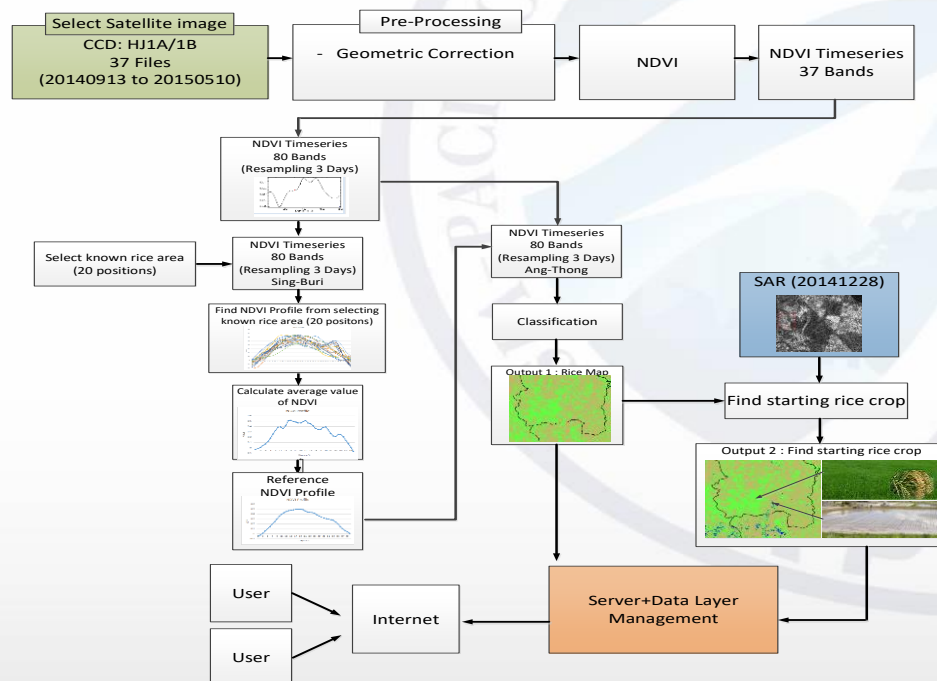




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DSSP Pilot Project 1: Estimation of Rice Field using Multiple Satellite Sensors

- Successfully conducted by Chulabhorn Satellite Receiving Station, Kasetsart University, Thailand
- Combined sensors from HJ1A/1B and SAR satellites
- The rice field estimation has been substantially improved with >80% reliability
- The algorithm and project outcomes have been shared among APSCO Member states

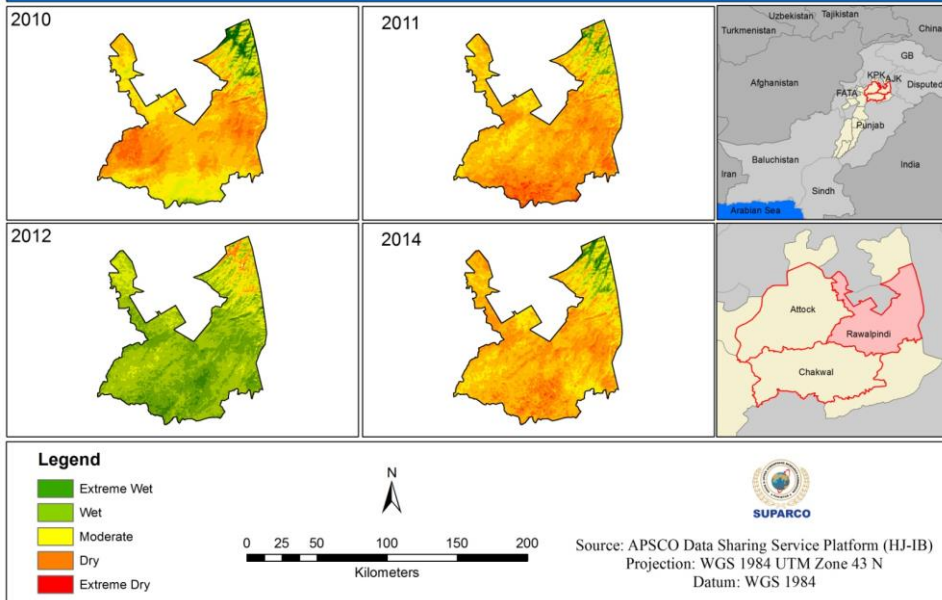




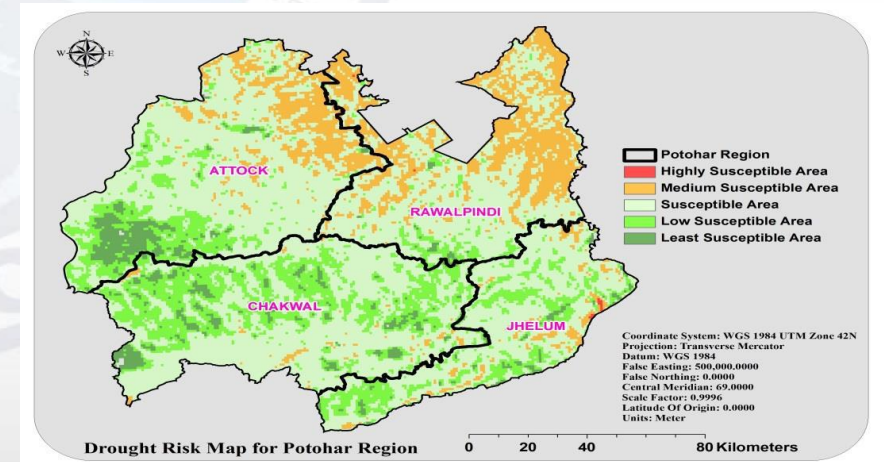
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DSSP Pilot Project 2: Remote Sensing Techniques for Drought Study

Temperature Condition Index (TCI) for Rawalpindi from 2010-2014



- Successfully conducted by SUPARCO, Pakistan
- Combined sensors from HJ1A/1B and AQUA satellite
- Time-series of different indices, such as NDVI, VCI, TCI were studied
- Monitoring and mapping of satellite based drought indices is reliable and would play an important role in predicting drought conditions
- The algorithm and project outcomes have been shared among APSCO Member states for applications in their own countries





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③ Asia-Pacific Ground-Based Optical Space Objects Observation System (APOSOS)

- Three observation nodes were deployed
 - 150mm diameter telescope
 - 2015, Deployment of Pakistan and Peruvian observation nodes,
 - 2016, Deployment of Iranian telescope
- APOSOS Data Processing and Service Center in Beijing, China
- Observations
 - 2015, 33 observation nights, 138 objects, 475 tracks
 - 2016, 22 observation nights, 121 objects, 410 tracks
- Joint observation in China
 - Facilities belongs to different organizations conduct joint observation campaign
 - Conduct emergency response based on the joint network



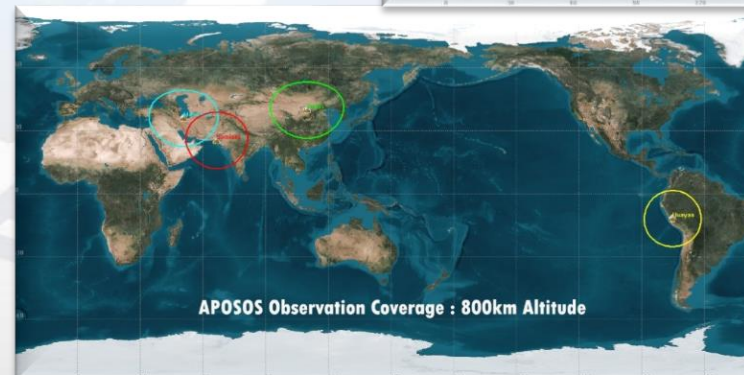
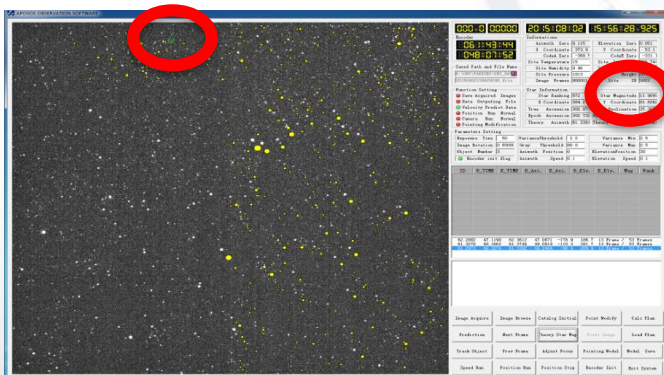
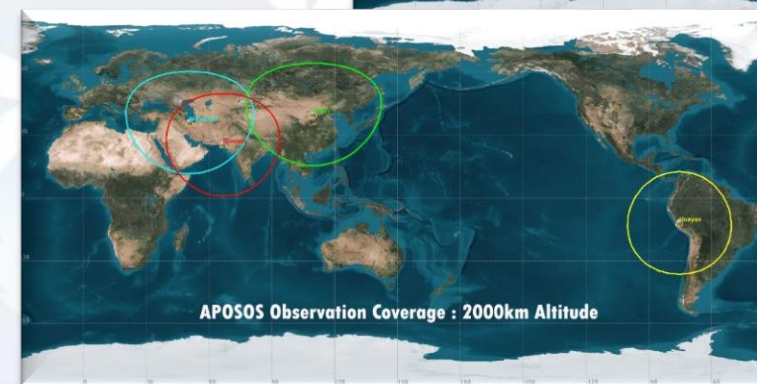
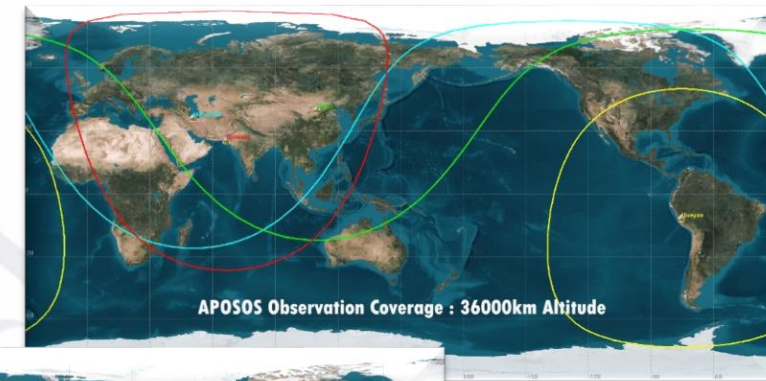


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③ Asia-Pacific Ground-Based Optical Space Objects Observation System (APOSOS)

➤ Benefits and Achievements

- Space object detecting, tracking and identifying - *more than 206 objects are currently identified*
- Satellite Orbit determination and cataloging - *more than 90% of LEO satellites of APSCO MS can be fully tracked (40 satellites: 10 from China and 30 from other MS)*
- Early Warning Service to protect space assets of MS from space debris conjunction
- Space objects re-entry prediction





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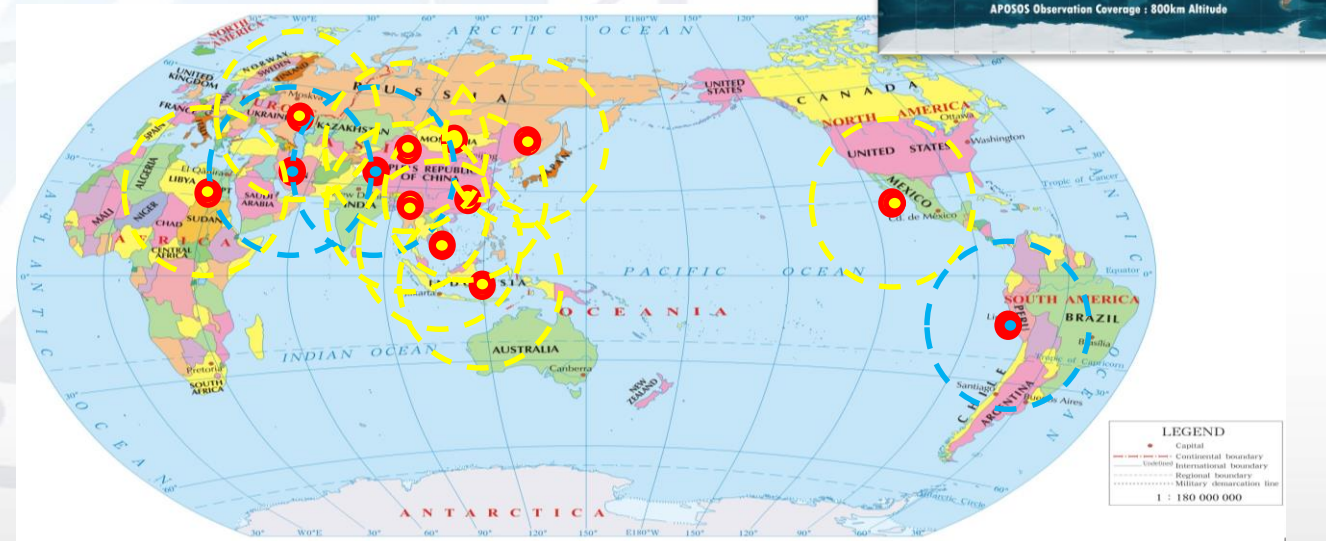
Future of APOSOS

➤ Objectives

- To establish a data application service network for data sharing, space hazard prevention and response for APSCO members
- To improve the observation network for more efficient survey and tracking
- To build a technical training and communication network for students and researchers from APSCO members
- To form a science popularization network for people from APSCO members

➤ Network design

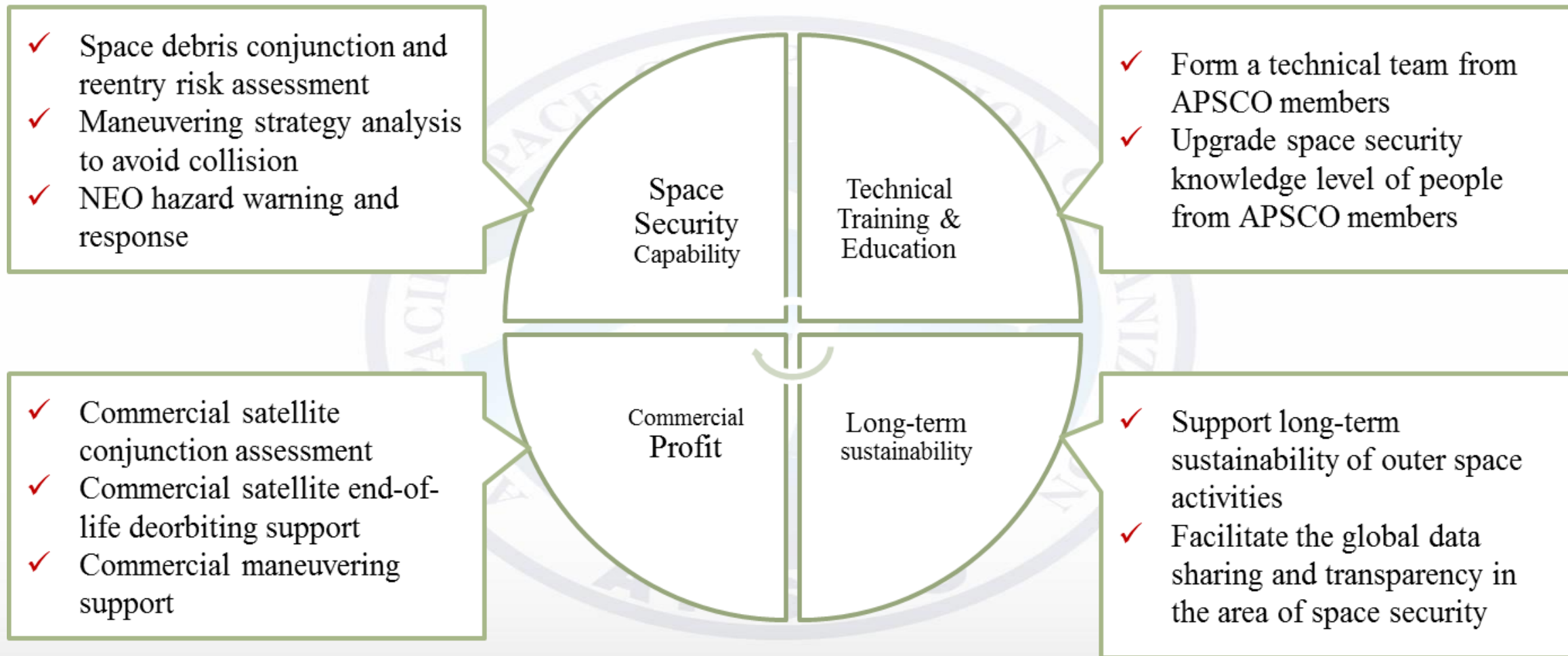
- Formed by telescopes with medium aperture, 30cm to 80cm class
- Deployed in each member state of APSCO
- Each site has supporting facilities observation scheduling, data exchange, technical training and communication and science popularization





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Expected Performance

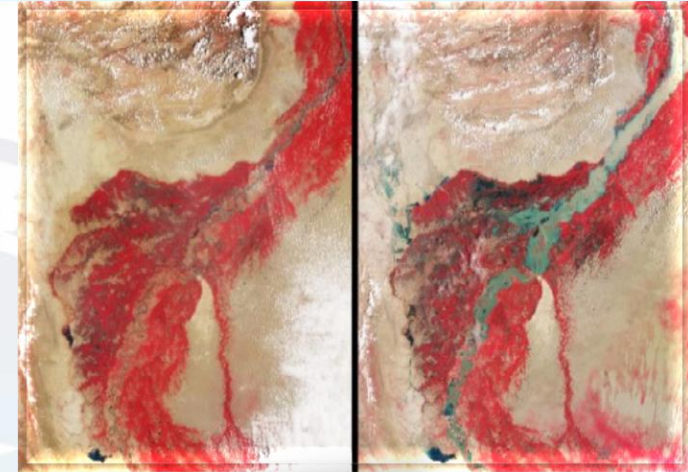




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④ *Disaster Monitoring Network*

- Determining Precursor Ionospheric Signatures of **Earthquakes** by Ground-Based Ionospheric Sounding
- Compatible **GNSS Terminals** for **Emergency** Management and **Disaster Rescue**
- **Framework** for Researches on Application of Space Technology for **Disaster Monitoring** in the APSCO Member States
- International **CHARTER** similar **mechanism** & Seek to become a member of **CHARTER**





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Earthquake Signatures Project

➤ Benefits and Achievements

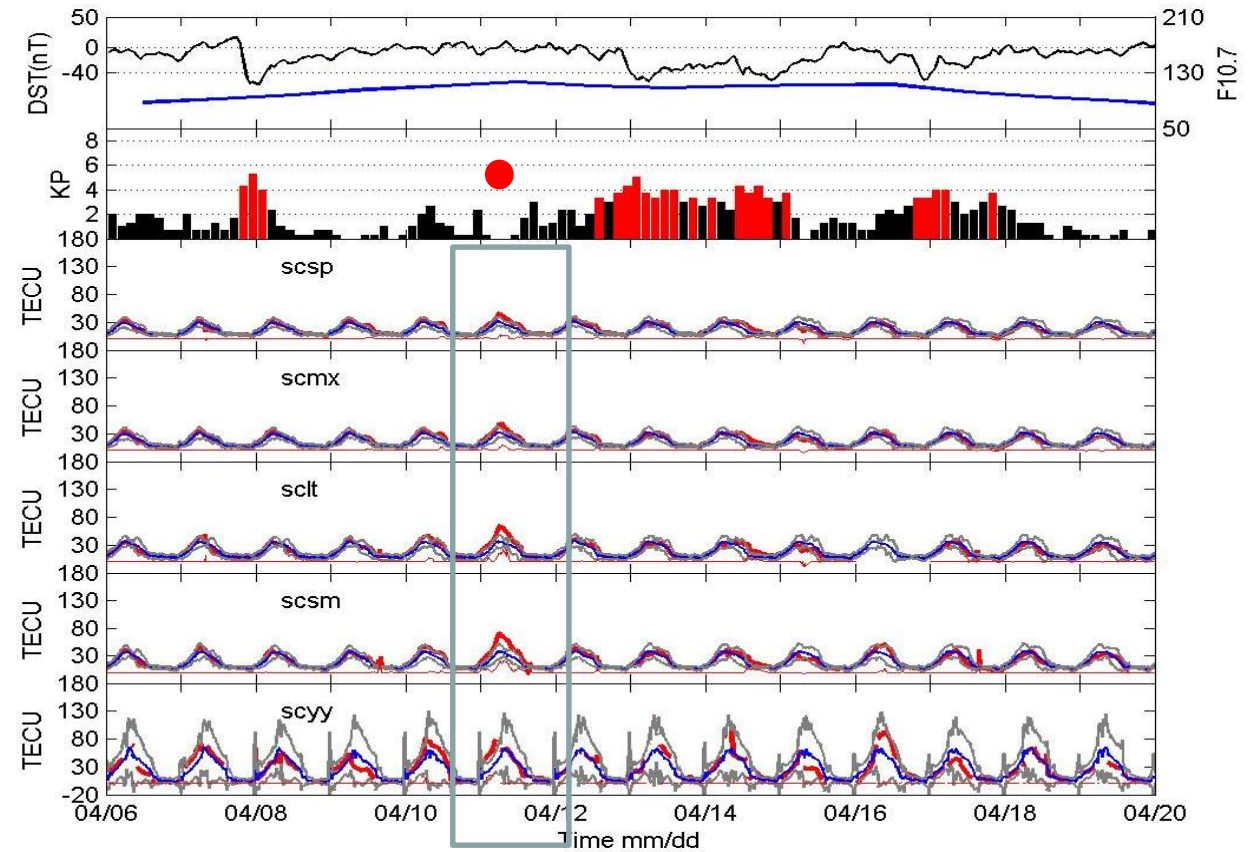
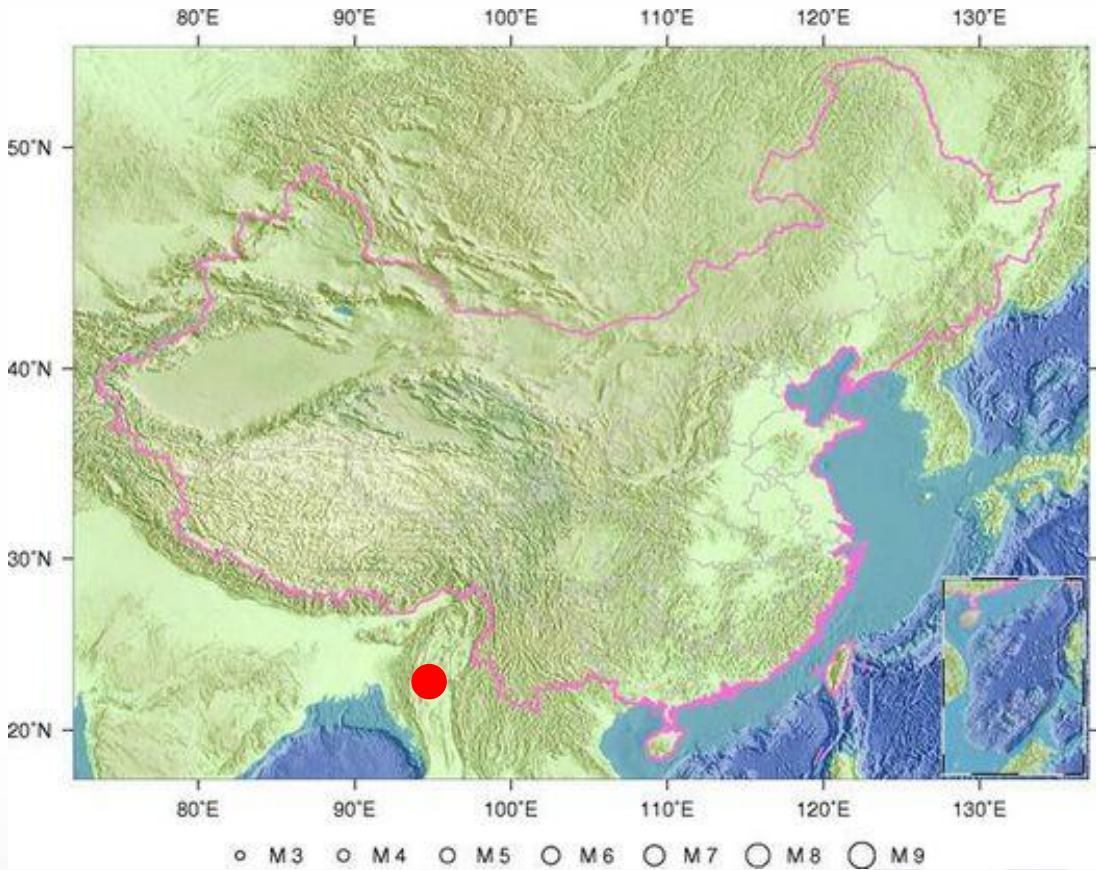
- The Ground-Based Ionospheric Monitoring and Information Sharing Platform (**GIMISP**) has been established
- The **web** portal equipped with ground-based Ionospheric monitoring data processing and analysis
- The platform is equipped with tools for seismo-ionospheric coupling mechanism investigation
- Real-time joint observation and analysis among APSCO Member State through GIMISP





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Earthquake monitoring

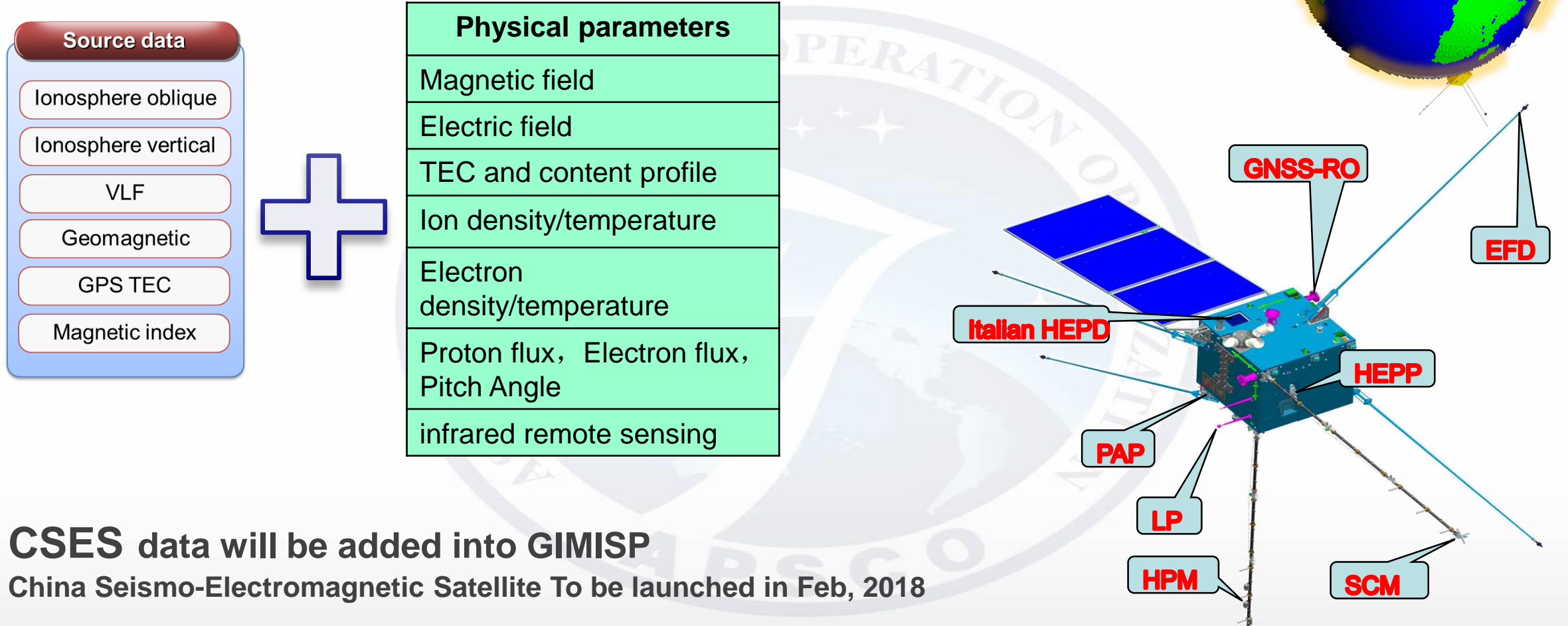


On April 13, 2016, there occurred an large earthquake in Burma, located at 23.14° N, 94.87° E. , with magnitude of 7.2.



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Future of Earthquake Project



CSES data will be added into GIMISP

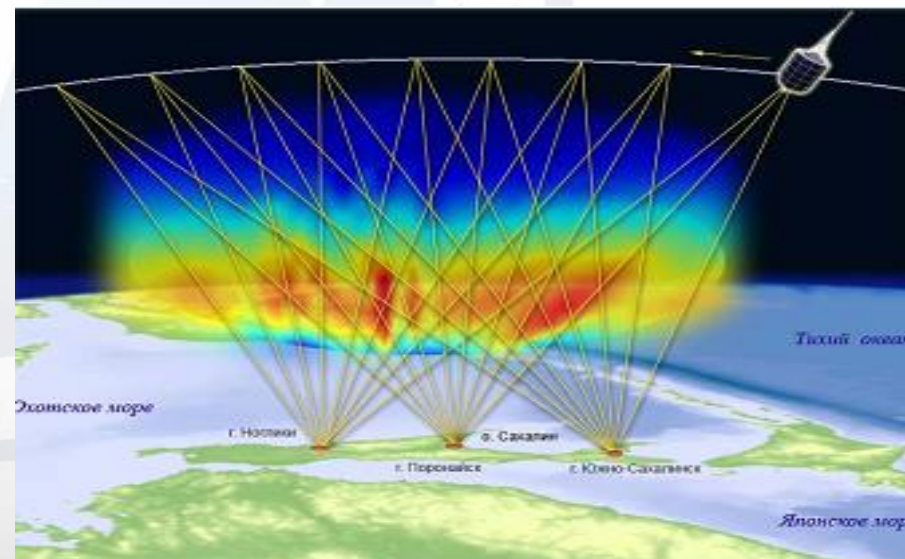
China Seismo-Electromagnetic Satellite To be launched in Feb, 2018



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⑤ Science Technology and Application Network

- Radiometric Calibration for Satellite Sensors Network
- Ka-Band Rain Attenuation Modeling
- Ionosphere Modeling through Study of Radio Wave Propagation and Solar Activity
- COMSAT-Based Tele-Medicine Network

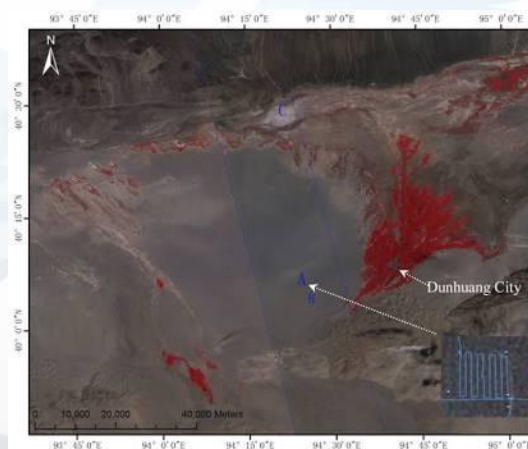




Radiometric Calibration Project

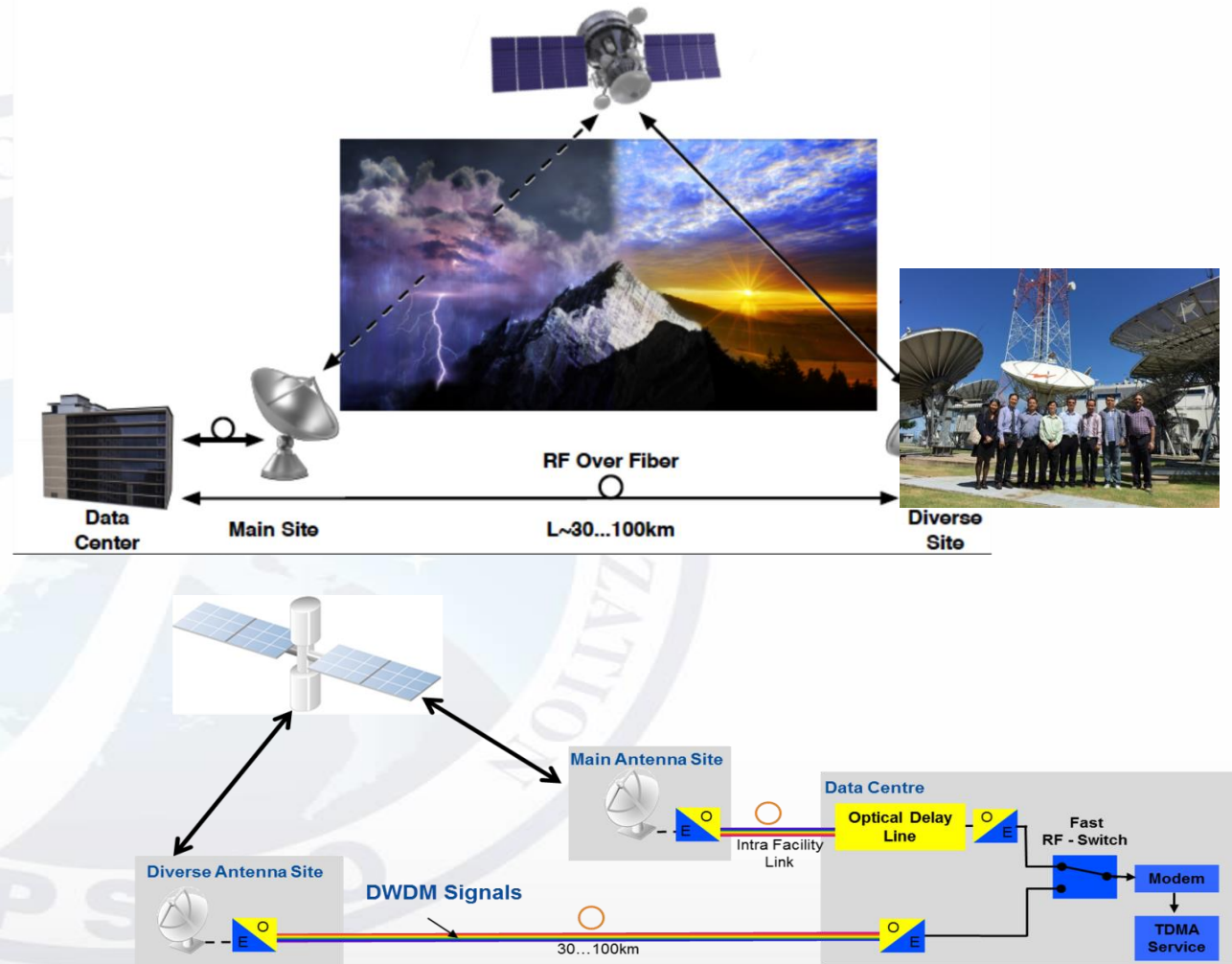
➤ Benefits and Achievements

- ❑ The project was successfully kicked off in August, 2017
- ❑ Technologies and knowhow have been transferred through both in-class training and field campaign activities
- ❑ The APSCO Satellite Sensors Calibration Center of Excellence has been established, where data, techniques and best practices can be shared among MS
- ❑ New potential calibration site in APSCO MS is under investigation



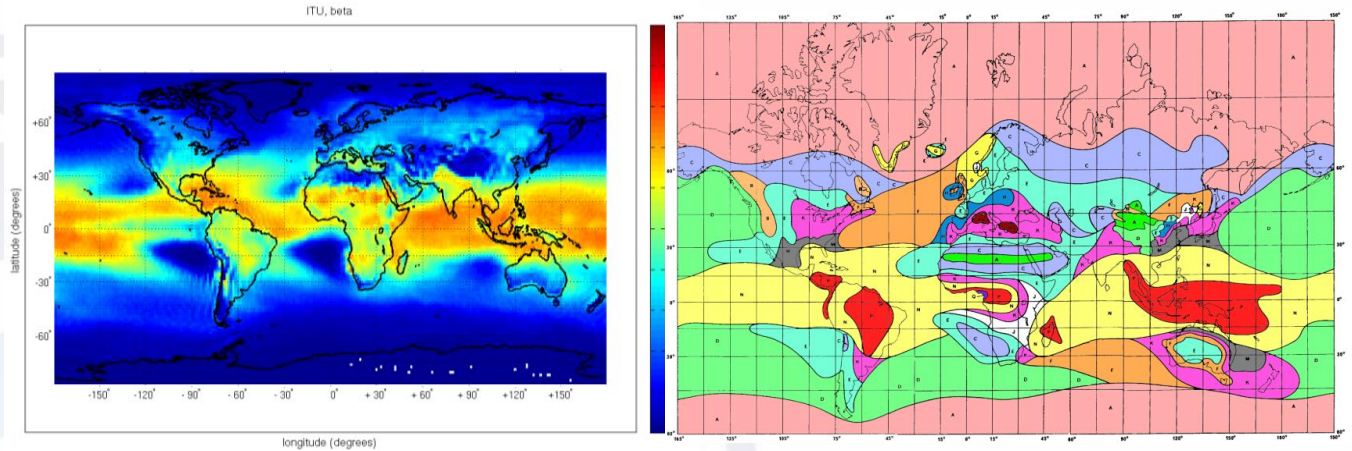
➤ Objectives

- ❑ Focusing on signal attenuation for Ka-band communication satellite
- ❑ To establish a database from collected Ka-band beacon signals and related meteorological data
- ❑ To develop a rain attenuation model that links the rain process and its atmospheric effects
- ❑ To develop practical site-switching algorithm for site diversity for continuity and reliability of communication link



➤ Benefits and Achievements

- A Regional Ka-Band Rain Attenuation Model has been developed
 - ◆ The proposed Model presented at the IAC2017, Australia
 - ◆ The methodology for Effective Rain Rate Conversion to be published in ITU Journals
 - ◆ The proposed Model will be addressed to ITU Working Group for possibly adoption
- A Site-Switching Algorithm for site diversity has been developed
- The Model and Algorithm have been shared among APSCO Member States for practical applications in their countries





➤ **The Space Segment**

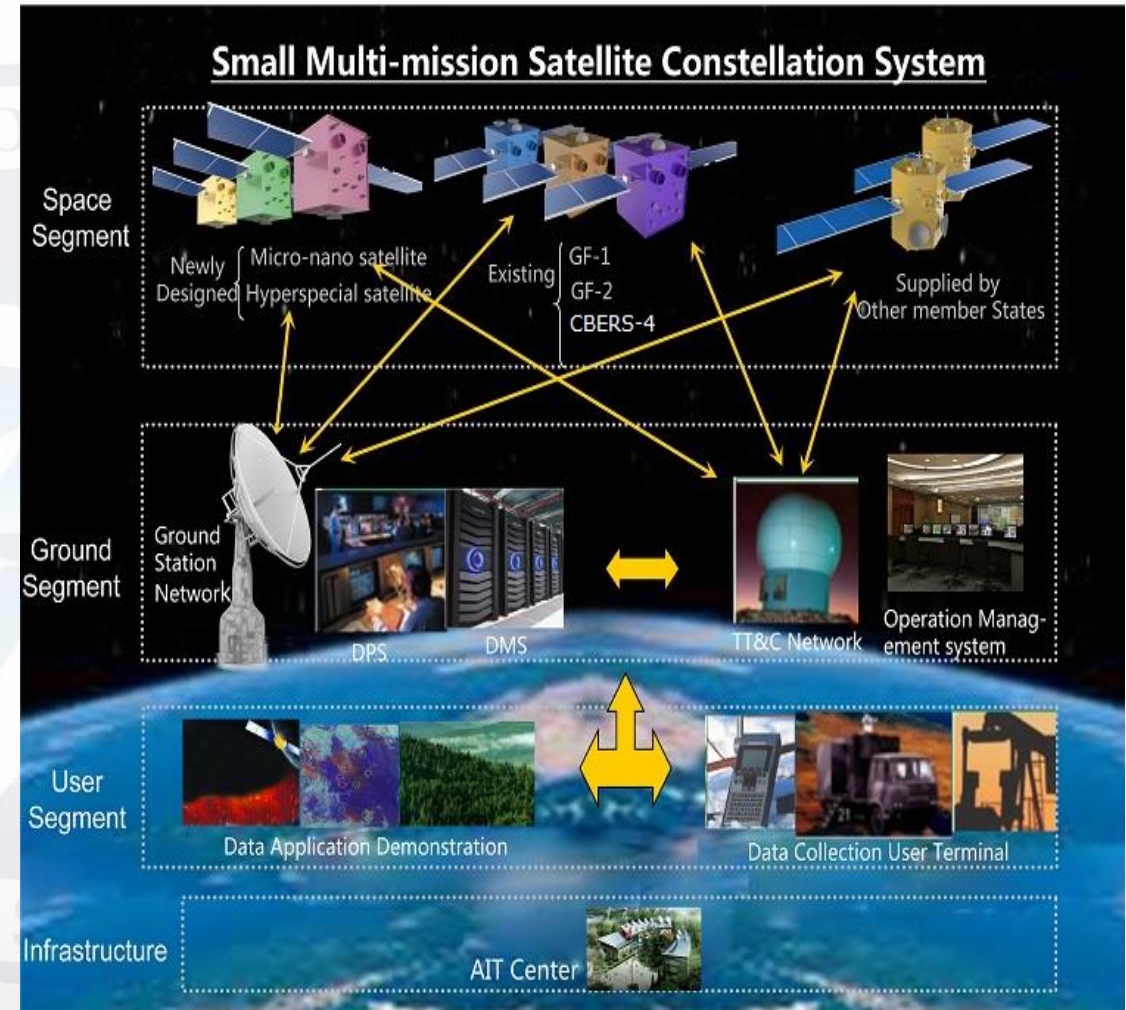
3+8+X

- ▣ 3 operating satellites provided by China, GF-1, GF-2 and CBERS-4
- ▣ 2 newly developed satellites, 1 Hyperspectral + 1 High-Resolution
- ▣ 6 nano/micro satellites for quick response communication
- ▣ participating satellites from MS

➤ **Asia-Pacific Ground Station Network**

- ▣ Existing network GS in China
- ▣ Compatible upgraded stations in MS

➤ **Shared AIT Facilities**





- **Data application service will be carried out on the basis of existing in-orbit satellites**
- **Scheme design for small multi-mission satellite constellation will be carried out to define task division and expenditure allocation**
- **Development of hyperspectral small satellite, high resolution micro satellite, micro-nano satellites, ground system and application system will be carried out in phases**
- **Complete the constellation**
- **Operate the system**
- **Start business promotion**



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⑥ *APSCO Joint SMMS Constellation*

➤ **Benefits of APSCO Joint SMMS Constellation Program**

- To improve Space Capacity Building
- To improve Sharing Service Capability
- To improve the Quick Response Capability
- To improve the Industry Driving Capability
- To improve Information Inter-Connection



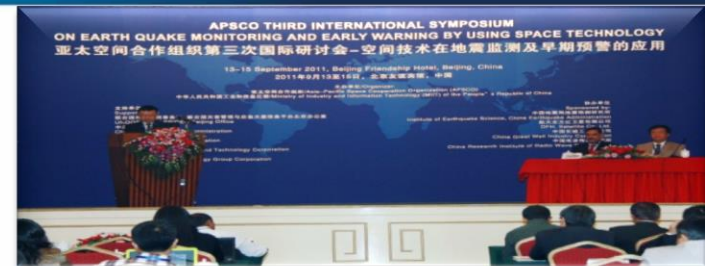


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2 International Exchange Platforms

① APSCO International Symposium

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| 1. Space Cooperation for the Asia-Pacific Region (July 2009, Thailand) | 5. Satellite Remote Sensing (RS) and Geographic Information System (GIS) Development in the Asia-Pacific Region (October 2013, Turkey) |
| 2. Food Security and Monitoring of Agriculture trough Satellite Technology (September 2010, Pakistan) | 6. Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Technology and Applications (November 2014, Bangladesh) |
| 3. Earthquake monitoring and early warning by using space technology and its applications (September 2011, Beijing) | 7. Telemedicine in Asia-Pacific Region (November 2015, China) |
| 4. Communication satellite Technology and Applications (November 2012, Indonesia) | 8. Space Technology and Applications (October 2016, Peru) |





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2 International Exchange Platforms

② Space Law and Policy Forum

Space Law Workshops organized with UNOOSA

- 1 Role of International Space Law in the Development and Strengthening of International and Regional Cooperation in the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space (November, 2009, Iran)
- 2 Activities of States in Outer Space in Light of New Developments: Meeting International Responsibilities and Establishing National Legal and Policy Frameworks (November, 2010, Thailand)
- 3 The Role of National Space Legislation in Strengthening the Rule of Law (November, 2014, China)
- 4 **4th Space Law & Policy Workshop will be held in 2019**

APSCO Space Law and Policy Forum

- APSCO Space Law and Policy Forum (June, 2012, Beijing, China)
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- APSCO Space Law and Policy Forum (September, 2015, Beijing, China)
- APSCO Space Law and Policy Forum (10-12 Jul 2017, Harbin, China)





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A family for its Members to sharing their Resources

3G: Diversity in Generation

① Degree Education

- 39 Doctors and 153 Masters

② Short-term Training

- 35 trainings
- More than 1000 trainees
- On-line Training
- On-site Training



③ New Generation Cultivating

- Space Science School,
- CanSat Competition
- Space Innovation Contest



④ Hands-on training

- Student Small Satellite (SSS)
- Space Education Curricula Development



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- 39 Doctors and 153 Masters
- 35 (100) students/year
- Full Scholarship from China

Country	MASTA	DOCSTA
Bangladesh	17 students	4 students
Indonesia	11 students	---
Iran	13 students	13 students
Laos	1 students	---
Mongolia	32 students	4 students
Pakistan	23 students	5 students
Peru	20 students	2 students
Sri Lanka	1 students	---
Thailand	28 students	10 students
Turkey	7 students	1 student
Total	153 students	39 students





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- Space Science School
- CanSat Competition
- Space Innovation Contest

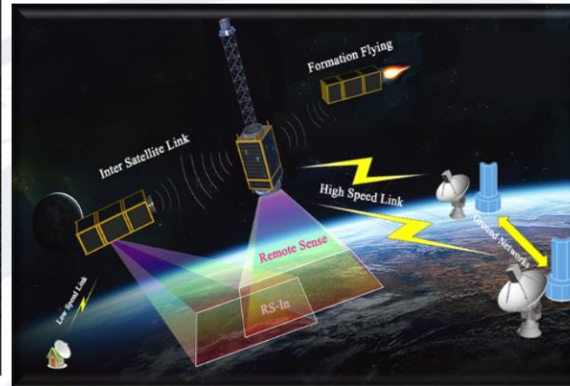




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• Student Small Satellite

- Kicked off in Dec. 2016
- 1 micro 40kg+ 2 CubeSats 3U
- University cooperation





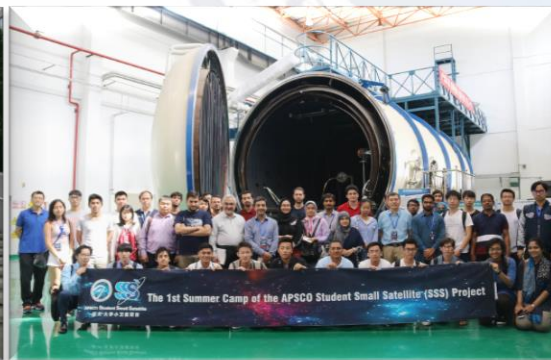
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3G: Diversity in Gender

- About 1/4th of all trainees in the Short Training Courses in APSCO are Females
- APSCO is Equal Opportunity Organization – Secretariat has a staff, comprising 12 Male employees and 13 Female employees
- Equal opportunity in all international events
- APSCO Member States have a fair representation of females in their Space Agencies





- APSCO, has a **successful model for capacity-building** along the ‘Four Space2030 Thematic Pillars’:
 - People (Space Society)
 - Space Infrastructure (Space Accessibility)
 - Industry (Space Economy)
 - Policy (Space Diplomacy)
- APSCO, within its ambit, contributes to global governance of space activities and ensures that the **benefits of space are available to future generations**



- APSCO platform **promotes cooperation** among Member States in space science, technology and related applications; provides them with assistance in R&D, applications and training; strives to improve their space capabilities; and **contributes to economic and social development** for common prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region
- APSCO is **ready to take additional responsibilities in collaboration with UNOOSA** and other international bodies, to bring together governments, international organizations, industry, the private sector, academia and civil society, in Asia-Pacific region, to connect the four pillars of UNISPACE+50 and Space2030



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Resources Sharing

Capacity Building

Space Environment Protecting

New Generation Cultivating



Invitation

2008–2018
Tenth anniversary of the establishment



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