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APRSAF.

ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL SPACE AGENCY FORUM

Summary of APRSAF-18

" A regional collaboration for tomorrow's environment "

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APRSAF: Background



Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum

- Establishment: 1993, after the Asia-Pacific International Space Year Conference (APIC) in 1992
- **Goal:** Enhance the development of space programs in the Asia-Pacific region and promote regional cooperation in the field of space technology and its applications
- **Participation:** Space agencies, related governments, regional and international organizations, institutions responsible for applying space technology
- Organizers: MEXT, JAXA and co-host organizations
- Past co-organizers: Government entities of Mongolia, Malaysia, The Republic of Korea, Thailand, Australia, Indonesia, India, Vietnam and Singapore



APRSAF-18: in Singapore

■ **Date:** 6-9 December, 2011

■ Theme: A regional collaboration for tomorrow's environment

Venue: Marina Mandarin Singapore Hotel, Singapore

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)

Support:

- Science Centre Singapore (SCS)
- Strategic Headquarters for Space Policy
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)
- 1st & 2nd Day: 4 working groups meetings
- 3rd & 4th Day: Plenary sessions including country reports and international organization speeches
- **Side Events:** SAFE Workshop, Poster Contest, Water Rocket Event, Astronaut Event, Industrial Exhibition
- Participant: Approximately 280 participants from 28 countries and region and 11 international organizations; e.g. UNOOSA, ADB, APSCO, etc



APRSAF-18: Structure



Working Groups

Estab. 2001 (APRSAF-8)





Earth Observation WG





Annual Mtg



Communication
Satellite Applications WG



Space Education and Awareness WG

Initiatives



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



"STAR"
Satellite Technology
For the Asia-Pacific
Region
Estab. 2007
(APRSAF-14)



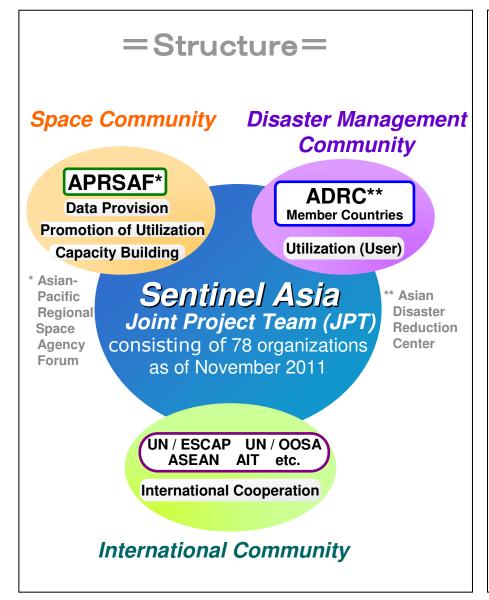
"SAFE"
Space Applications
for Environment
Estab. 2008
(APRSAF-15)

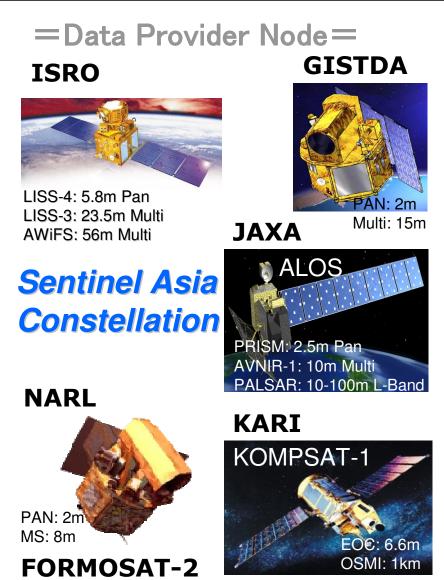


New initiative: Climate R³ Estab. 2011 (APRSAF-18)

Disaster management: Sentinel Asia

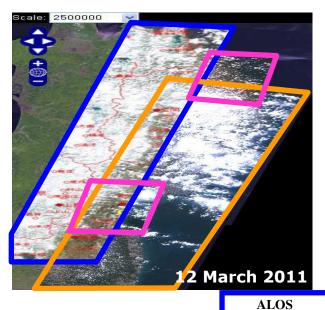






Disaster management: Sentinel Asia

=Great East Japan Earthquake=



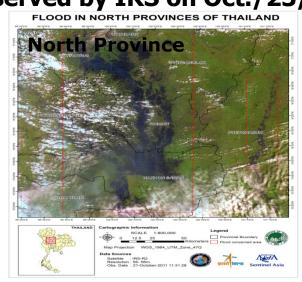




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= Flood in Thailand = observed by IRS on Oct./23/2011







SAFE: Space Applications For Environment

SAFE Background

Established in 2008 (APRSAF-15)



SAFE Objectives

Contribute to the GEOSS in nine "Social Benefit Areas"

New initiative: Climate R³



■ Climate R³ Background

Climate R³ was proposed and adopted as an ongoing initiative at APRSAF-18

■ Climate R³ Objectives

- Identify measures to enhance regional capacity and leverage global investment in support of informed regional climate policies
- Broker connections between space data suppliers, regional climate information users and application specialists
- Stimulate data flows and build capacity

New initiative: PACK-I



■ PACK-I Background

- JAXA proposed to launch a new initiative to promote ISS utilization
- "Promotion of Asian Cooperation on Kibo/ISS Initiative (PACK-I)" was proposed as the initiative's name

Purpose of PACK-I

- To share the significance and value which Kibo/ISS will bring to human beings and to produce new cooperation projects on Kibo/ISS utilization
- To promote the production of new cooperation on the Kibo/ISS utilization more systematically with active participations

Examples of activities expected in PACK-I

- Outreach activities related to ISS projects
- Capacity building for utilization of space environment
- Cultivation of new orbital experiment in Kibo among Asia-Pacific countries.



APRSAF-18 Special event:

Asians in Space: Achievements of Human Spaceflight in Asian Countries

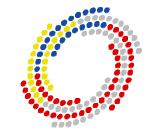


- **Date:** 8 December , 2011, 18:00-20:00
- Venue: Science Centre Singapore (SCS), MAXWELL Auditorium
- Invited Astronauts for the roundtable discussion:
 - Dr. Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu (Moderator, Romania/President for ASE, Chairman for UNCOPUOS)
 - Mr. Soich Noguchi (Japan)
 - Dr. Talgat Amangeldiyevich Mussabayev (Kazakhstan)
 - Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor (Malaysia)

This special event aimed to:

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





19TH APRSAF ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL SPACE AGENCY FORUM MALAYSIA



- **Next: APRSAF-19**
- Date: December 11-14, 2012
- **Theme:** Enriching quality life through innovative space program (TBD)
- Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Co-organizers:
 - National Space Center (ANGKASA)
 - Sea to Space Division (S2S)
 - Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI)
 - Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT)
 - Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)





