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Welcome Message

To the participants of the 18th session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-18) in December

Welcome to the 18th Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF)! This is the first time APRSAF is held in Singapore and we are indeed pleased to have the honour to host this event from the 6th to the 9th of December 2011 at the Marina Mandarin Hotel.

The forum is jointly organized and co-sponsored by the Centre for Remote, Imaging, Sensing and Processing (CRISP) of the National University of Singapore, Singapore Space and Technology Association (SSTA), Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

The theme for the 18th APRSAF 'A Regional Collaboration for Tomorrow's Environment' was chosen to foster active discussion and sharing on the use of space-related services and products to improve the environment we are living in as well as to help us address issues related to climate change.

As in previous APRSAF sessions, we have four working groups and plenary sessions comprising Earth Observation (EO), Space Education and Awareness (SEA), Communication Satellite Applications (CSA) and Space Environment Utilization (SEU). We hope this forum could further improve and strengthen the collaborative networks among individuals, organizations and countries to deal with environmental issues and challenges effectively.

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is my pleasure to welcome all participants to Singapore for the 18th session of APRSAF. I am confident that all participants will learn and benefit from the Forum.