

1 November 2017

## FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### **The 24th Session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-24)**

*“Space Technology for Enhanced Governance and Development”*

14-17 November 2017, Bengaluru, India

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to note that you have registered to participate in the 24th session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-24), to be held from 14 to 17 November 2017. General information on APRSAF-24 is attached below.

We are looking forward to working with you in Bengaluru, India, to make APRSAF-24 a great success.



Masazumi Miyake

Chairperson

APRSAF Executive Committee (ExCom)

#### Attachments:

Appendix A: APRSAF-24 Overall Program Structure and Tentative Program

Appendix B: Concept of APRSAF-24 Sessions

Appendix C: Tentative Agendas of the Working Groups and Initiatives

Appendix D: Floor Map of APRSAF-24 venue

Appendix E: Map showing area around APRSAF-24 venue and directions from the airport

Appendix F: APRSAF Side Events

## APRSAF-24 General Information

### ■ Co-organizers:

- India:** Department of Space (DOS)  
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- Japan:** Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)  
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

### APRSAF-24 will also be supported by

- India:** Indian Society of Remote Sensing (ISRS) Bangalore Chapter  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.  
Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) (planned)
- Japan:** National Space Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)  
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)  
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)  
Ministry of the Environment (MOE)  
Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)  
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)  
Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)

### ■ Plenary Sessions

Plenary sessions will be held on 16 and 17 November in the Grand Ballroom at the Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway. The latest program is contained in [Appendix A](#). The concept of APRSAF-24 sessions are contained in [Appendix B](#). The draft agendas of the four working groups and initiatives are contained in [Appendix C](#).

### ■ Working Group Sessions (Floor Map: [Appendix D](#))

The following four working group sessions will be held in parallel on 14 and 15 November.

#### A. Space Applications Working Group (SA WG)

Venue: Grand Ballroom 2, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway  
Contact: Dr. Shin-ichi Sobue (sobue.shinichi@jaxa.jp)

**B. Space Technology Working Group (ST WG)**

Venue: Grand Ballroom 1, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: Mr. Junichi Moriuma (APRSAF-STWG@ml.jaxa.jp)

**C. Space Environment Utilization Working Group (SEU WG)**

Venue: Neptune, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: Mr. Kazuo Umezawa (SEUWG@aprsaf.org)

**D. Space Education Working Group (SE WG)**

Venue: Jupiter, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: Ms. Mika Hosobata (kokusai\_edu@ml.jaxa.jp)

■ **Reception**

On the evening of Thursday, 16 November, there will be a welcome reception hosted by ISRO and MEXT, and all participants are cordially invited to attend. The reception will take place from 19:00 to 22:00 at the Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway.

■ **APRSAF-24 Date & Venue**

**Date:** 14-17 November 2017

**Venue:** Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

A map showing the area around the APRSAF-24 venue can be found in [Appendix E](#)

■ **Transportation**

The most reliable and the safest way to reach hotels from the airport is to use hotel airport pickup services. If preferred, participants may choose to take a taxi to their hotel, as described below:

● **Limousine Service (Car Rentals)**

You can find counters at the arrival gate inside the terminal building. It costs Rs.1,200 for distances up to 35 kilometers, prepaid at the counters.

● **Taxi (Metered)**

Please look for the airport taxi sign. It costs around Rs.900 one way. Please make sure to take authorized taxis to avoid inconvenience.

- All airport taxis are fitted with a GPS/GPRS tracking system

- All airport taxi drivers have official IDs issued by the city police (traffic) and taxi operator

- You can find the cab number on the rear left side door panel
- Rates are charged based on the distance traveled as shown on the meter
- Passengers have to pay for any toll charges/parking charges directly at the counter
- Passengers must make their payment at the end of their journey and collect a printed electronic receipt

Official taxi operators: Karnataka Taxi, Mega Cabs, and Meru Cabs

Please note that the participants are responsible for making arrangement and covering the cost of local transportation, which is NOT provided by the co-organizers.

[Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru](#)

#### ■ **Registration Desk**

The registration desk will be located at the pre-function area of Grand Ballroom on the 1st floor of the Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway. Participants are requested to bring the printed confirmation sheet with barcode that was mailed out to you after your registration was completed. At the registration desk, each participant is requested to show the printed barcode to the registration staff and receive a name badge and a congress bag. Please be sure to wear your name badge all times during APRSAF-24 sessions.

#### ■ **Registration Opening Hours**

13-16 November:	8:00-17:00
17 November:	8:00-11:00

■ **Cultural Tour**

A cultural tour will be organized by the ISRO. Information on the tour is available at [https://www.aprsaf.org/annual\\_meetings/aprsaf24/cultural\\_tour.php](https://www.aprsaf.org/annual_meetings/aprsaf24/cultural_tour.php)

Destination: Bengaluru Sightseeing

Date: Thursday, 16 November 2017

Time: 14:30-19:00

Tour Programme:

14.30 hrs - Departure from hotel

14.40 hrs - Drive past ISKCON Temple

15.00 hrs - Vidhan Soudha & Central Library

15.30 hrs - Lal Bagh visit

17.30 hrs - MG Road

18.30 hrs - Return to hotel

19.00 hrs - Arrival at the hotel

Fee: To be informed at the venue.

(Your participation will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please confirm your participation at the travel desk before 2 p.m. 15 November, even if you have indicated your interest in participating in the cultural tour in the registration. The travel desk will be at the registration desk.)

■ **Points of Contact for APRSAF-24**

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## APRSAF Activities

### ■ **Water Rocket Event**

Date: 11-12 November 2017

Venue: 11 November 2017: Guest House of ISRO in Devanahalli on Airport Road  
12 November 2017: Kendriya Vidyalaya, NAL Campus, near Jeevan Bima Nagar  
Bus terminal, Bengaluru -560017, India

Contact: Ms. Ayako Uchida < ap\_wre\_edu@ml.jaxa.jp >

### ■ **SAFE Initiative Workshop**

Date: 13 November 2016

Venue: Jupiter, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: Dr. Masahiko Honzawa < honzawa.masahiko@jaxa.jp >

### ■ **Kibo-ABC Initiative Workshop**

Date: 13 November 2017

Venue: Neptune, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: Mr. Kazuo Umezawa < Kibo-ABC@aprsaf.org >

### ■ **Space Policy Workshop**

Date: 13 November 2017

Venue: Neptune, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: Dr. Yuri TAKAYA < yuritakaya@hotmail.com >

### ■ **Evening Session: Space for Future Society**

Date: 15 November 2017, 18:00-20:00

Venue: Grand Ballroom 1, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: APRSAF Secretariat < aprsaf24@aprsaf.org >

### ■ **Poster Contest organized by Space Education Working Group**

Theme: "United Through Space"

Date: 14-17 November 2017

Venue: Pre-Function Area, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: Ms. Ayako Uchida < ap\_poster\_edu@ml.jaxa.jp >

### ■ **APRSAF-24 Exhibition**

Date: 14-17 November 2017

Venue: Pre-Function Area, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway

Contact: APRSAF-24 Secretariat <[aprsaf24@aprsaf.org](mailto:aprsaf24@aprsaf.org)>

Reference: [https://www.aprsaf.org/annual\\_meetings/aprsaf24/exhibition.php](https://www.aprsaf.org/annual_meetings/aprsaf24/exhibition.php)

■ **APRSAF Side Events**

Side events will be held on the margins of APRSAF-24. Please refer to **Appendix F**.

Reference: [https://www.aprsaf.org/annual\\_meetings/aprsaf24/side\\_events.php](https://www.aprsaf.org/annual_meetings/aprsaf24/side_events.php)