Title of event: **Space Policy Session**

**Theme:** Policy toward creating new players in space

**Concept**
- Industrial development and promotion of space sector is an important national policy agenda for many countries. There are various approaches, however, toward promotion of space industry depending on stages of space development.

- In the early stage of space development, countries often rely on transfer of key technologies from foreign countries. Then space activities will be promoted by a government, and industry promotion is done through governmental contracts with an aim to have its indigenous technological capabilities.

- In a later stage, countries are focusing more on commercially-oriented space development and utilization, providing new business opportunities for private companies. For a country seeking to build a solid industrial base of space development, one of the great challenges is that how to enable growth of a wider array of space players.

- In this session, space policy officials will introduce each country’s policies and initiatives for promoting their national space industry and thus provide the APRSAF participants an opportunity to learn about various approaches taken according to stages of space development. Challenges for implementing such policies and potential cooperation areas in the region will also be discussed.