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FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The 16th Session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum **(APRSAF-16)**

“Space Applications: Contributions towards Human Safety and Security”

26-29 January 2010, Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Sir/Madam,

Referring to the Second Announcement in November 2009, we would like to inform you with the following information as the final announcement:

- 1. The latest tentative program is attached as in the Appendix A.**
- 2. The latest tentative WG program is attached as in the Appendix B.**
- 3. The map of Bangkok is attached as in the Appendix C.**
- 4. The venue of APRSAF-16 is as follows:**

Venue: Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok

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<http://www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-3432-sofitel-centara-grand-bangkok/index.shtml>

- The registration desk would be located at the foyer in front of VIBHAVADEE BALLROOM-B of the Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok on **January 26 and 28**. Participants who arrive on January 27 and 29, please contact the GISTDA secretariat room (Cencio Karaoke #16-18) at Lower Lobby room.
- Four Working Group sessions would be held in parallel on **January 26** (Space Education & Awareness WG between 09.30 to 17.30 hrs. / Other 3 WGs between 10.00 to 16.00 hrs.) and **January 27** between 09.30 to 16.00 hrs for all 4 WGs.
 - A. Earth Observation (EO):
January 26/27 at VIBHAVADEE BALLROOM-B on the Lobby Level

- B. Communication Satellite Applications (CSA):
January 26/27 at KAMBHANGBEJRA-II Meeting Room on the Mezzanine Level
 - C. Space Education & Awareness (SEA):
January 26/27 at RANGSIT+LADPRAO-A Meeting Room on the Mezzanine Level
 - D. Space Environment Utilization (SEU):
January 26/27 at HORVANG+LADPRAO-B Meeting Room on the Mezzanine Level
- The Plenary Session would be held on January 28 between 09.00 to 17.30 hrs. and on January 29 between 09.00 to 12.10 hrs. at VIBHAVADEE BALLROOM-B on the Lobby Level.
- Technical and Cultural Tour (3 Courses) would be held on January 29 between 13.30 to 17.00 hrs. For more details, please refer to the [Appendix D](#).

Technical Tour:

- Course 1: Thailand Ground Receiving Station at Lad Krabang, Bangkok.
- Course 2: THAICOM Teleport and DTH Center at Ladlumkaew, Pathumthani Province.

Cultural Tour:

- Course 3: The Temple of the Emerald Buddha and the Grand Palace, the must see place for tourist visiting Thailand.

Note: Please be informed that Course 4 (The Vimanmek Mansion) and Course 5 (The Suan Pakkad Palace) were cancelled due to number of enrolled people is less than the bottom line.

5. Transportation:

The chartered buses between Bangkok International Suvarnabhumi Airport and Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok will be provided during January 24-30, 2010 by GISTDA based on your flight information which was provided to the secretariat by **January 17, 2010**.

For those who need transportation, please come to the **APRSAF-16 information desk located at Baggage Claim No.10** after your arrival.

Please refer to the [Appendix E](#) (counter location in Airport Map).

The time schedule for chartered buses will be announced in APRSAF website (<http://www.aprsaf.org/>) shortly.

6. Reception:

- January 27, 18.30 hrs. Reception hosted by MEXT, Japan will be held at VIBHAVADEE BALLROOM-C, Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok.
- January 28, 19.00 hrs. Reception hosted by GISTDA, Thailand will be held on the Chaophraya Cruise and travelling along the Chaophraya River. Buses will depart from the hotel at 17.45 hrs. Dinner on Cruise will last about 2hours (19:00-21:00) and probable time for returning to the Sofitel Centara Grand Hotel will be at around 22.00 hrs.

7. The APRSAF-16 Secretariat Office in Japan

Please note that the APRSAF-16 Secretariat Office in Japan will be closed **on January 22(Fri) at 17.00 hrs. Tokyo Time.**

In case of urgency, after the APRSAF-16 Secretariat Office in Japan will be closed, please contact the Secretariat (Ms. Kumiko Sekiguchi at +81-90-3130-2189 (mobile phone), Ms. Kiyomi Murakami at +81-90-2320-2859 (mobile phone), or Ms. Raksina Lekthanoo of GISTDA, Thailand at +66-81566-8874 (local telephone 081-566-8874).

From January 24 (Sun) to January 29 (Fri), the APRSAF-16 Secretariat room (KAMBHANGBEJRA-I Meeting Room) will be opened on the Mezzanine Level of Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok.

Further information is found at the APRSAF Website: <http://www.aprsaf.org/>
If you have further questions, please contact the Secretariat (aprsaf16@aprsaf.org).

8. Others

The Geo-Informatics and Space Development Agency (GISTDA) cordially invite APRSAF-16 participants to attend the Opening Ceremony of Imagineering Center which will be took place at GISTDA Headquarters on January 26 at 18.30 hrs. (cocktail party). Transportation will be provided. Please confirm your participation no later than January 15, 2010 by using attached FAX form which was sent by GISTDA.

We are looking forwards to seeing you at APRSAF-16 in Bangkok, Thailand.

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APRSAF-16 Secretariat