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Welcome Message

To participants of the 16th Session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-16)

As you may know, Thailand hosted the APRSAF-10 in Chiang Mai in 2004. For APRSAF-16, we have a great opportunity again to host the forum which will be held from 26 - 29th January, 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The forum is jointly organized and co-sponsored by the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA), the Thai Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), and the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Thailand, as the co-host of the APRSAF-16, puts our best efforts as well as works closely with Japan.

As for the theme of APRSAF-16, “Space Applications: Contributions towards Human Safety and Security” has been selected for the purpose of promoting and strengthening the applications of space technology to support safety and security of life to all mankind. As usual, the meeting will be composed of working group session (WG) including, Earth Observation (EO), Communication Satellite Applications (CSA), Space Environment Utilization (SEU), and Space Education and Awareness (SEA) for the first two days and followed by plenary session.

In order to promote the theme, SEA WG has launched the poster contest announcement with the topic of “Our Universe – Great Discoveries” to youth. I am confident this will enhance youth’s awareness and recognition of space.

On behalf of MOST and GISTDA, it’s my honor to cordially invite you to participate in the APRSAF-16 in Bangkok, Thailand. Your contributions will enrich knowledge and application in space in the Asia Pacific Region.