UNIFORM Micro Satellites Mission Workshop at Hokkaido University

The Micro Satellites Mission Workshop with UNIFORM was held from 11th to 13th January at Hokkaido University in Sapporo. Mr. Tsuji(JAXA), Mr. Sato(JAXA) and Mr. Kim(KARI) from the STAR Program attended the meeting. It was confirmed that Hokkaido University would start cooperating with the UNIFORM as a newcomer, and we warmly welcomed it. The participants exchanged their views one another and had a discussion on the first UNIFORM satellite. We hope more people from foreign countries than we expect will join this interesting project through the STAR Program.

The city of Sapporo is located in Hokkaido, the biggest northern prefecture of Japan, and it snows a lot during winters compered with Sagamihara where we barely have snow. Would you like to visit Japan in order to enjoy these diversified seasons and cultures to the full extent?

International Scientific Conference in Astana/Kazakhstan

International Scientific Conference “Space for human Benefit – a Look into the Future” was held in Astana/Kazakhstan from 6th to 7th January. People from Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, France and so on participated in it. From Japan, both Mr. Tanaka, the Director of JAXA International Relations Department and Mr. Tsuji, the Technical Leader of the STAR Program, were requested to attend the conference. Mr. Tanaka explained at the conference JAXA’s activities while Mr. Tsuji made a presentation on the STAR Program whose theme was cooperation through the international project to create micro/nano-satellites.

In Astana, it was a quite beautiful weather, however, the temperature was around minus 30 degrees. Mr. Tsuji, therefore, stated that he was almost frozen soon after he had gone outside in Astana.