

**Conclusions of the First Joint Project Team Meeting for  
Establishing the Disaster Management Support System in the Asia-Pacific Region  
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Hanoi, Vietnam**

The First Joint Project Team (JPT) Meeting for Establishing A Disaster Management Support System named "Sentinel Asia" was held at Melia Hanoi Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam, hosted by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency in cooperation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Vietnamese Academy of Science and Technology (VAST). In total, 70 participants from 34 organizations, from 18 countries and 4 regional and international entities, attended the meeting.

The participants discussed the Implementation Plan and the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Joint Project Team for the Sentinel Asia.

The following conclusions were made by the meeting;

1. The participants agreed on the concept, architecture and scheme of the Sentinel Asia based upon the implementation plan, and agreed to initiate the project immediately;
  - Sentinel Asia consists of three kinds of nodes: local service provider node("User-Node), data provider node and research and training node. The participating agencies for each node have been identified.
  - A technical implementation team will work out details of the Implementation Plan.
2. The meeting adopted the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the JPT and its member agencies have been identified.
3. Next JPT meeting will be held in June 2006 (TBC)