SHORT ANNOUNCEMENT

**The 27th Session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-27)**

Dear friends and colleagues of the APRSAF Community,

I hope you are staying safe and healthy during these uncertain times. This short announcement is to inform you of the latest updates regarding APRSAF-27.

The plenary sessions of APRSAF-27 will be held on 2 and 3 December 2021 as a hybrid event, combining an in-person event in Hanoi, Vietnam, and an online event for those who cannot travel to Vietnam. However, it is also important to inform you that this hybrid event may turn into a complete online event if the situation surrounding COVID-19 will not allow us to hold an in-person event. The final decision on the event format, hybrid or online, will be made and announced in September.

Concerning the Working Groups (WGs) as well as the Space Industry Forum, they will be held sometime between 30 November and 1 December 2021. Exact dates and the event format will be notified in the First Announcement in July. In addition, WGs have undergone a restructure in response to the APRSAF Nagoya Vision and the recommendation from the ExCom last year. They are now ready to make a fresh start by expanding their scope of activities to cover new interests and needs of the region to a greater extent.

For any updates on APRSAF-27 and the result of WGs restructuring, please visit our website at: https://www.aprsaf.org/annual_meetings/aprsaf27/meeting_details.php
https://www.aprsaf.org/working_groups/about/

Furthermore, as the APRSAF Awards have been newly established, we will hold an inaugural APRSAF Awards ceremony during the plenary sessions of APRSAF-27. Please
be reminded that the deadline for nominations is extended to 30 June 2021. APRSAF Awards Committee Secretariat welcomes your nominations.

For information about the APRSAF Awards, please visit our website at:
https://www.aprsaf.org/award/

Last but not least, I would like to highlight the fact that APRSAF has been steadily evolving throughout its 27 years of operation by responding to the needs and interests of the APRSAF community. Thank you for your continued support, and I am truly looking forward to your participation in this year’s APRSAF-27.

I wish you continued good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

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Chair
Executive Committee (ExCom) of APRSAF