National Space Legislation Initiative (NSLI)

- Membership open to national governmental organizations in the Asia-Pacific Countries.
- Formed the Study Group with more than 50 space law/policy experts from 18 national governmental organizations of 9 countries, led by below Co-chairs with the support of JAXA serving as the Secretariat.

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- Two objectives:
  - Promote information sharing/ mutual learning on national space legislation/policy in Asia-Pacific region
  - Enhance capacity to draft/implement national space legislation/policies in Asia-Pacific region

Jointly submitted a report on the status of national space legislation in the Region to UNCOPUOS LSC in 2021
History of NSLI
~Building Space Policy and Law Community in the Asia-Pacific~

Nov. 2017
APRSAF-24
@Bangalore
Initiation of space policy community building activity

Nov. 2019
APRSAF-26
@Nagoya
Launched NSLI

May 2021
60th Session of LSC in UNCOPUOS
Jointly Submitted the NSLI Report to UNCOPUOS

Nov. 2021
APRSAF-27
First meeting of Space Policy and Law WG

Side event at the 60th Session of LSC
Overview of the Report submitted to the LSC

- A report created by the Study Group on the following topics in NSLI participating States:
  - Overview of Space Activities
  - Ratification Status regarding the International Regime
  - National Legal Scheme relating to Space Activities

- This submission is expected to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Resolution, A/RES/68/74: "Recommendations on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space"

- The first joint contribution from the Asia-Pacific countries to the LSC.
Main Findings of the Report submitted to the LSC

- **Expansion of space activities and actors and importance of national space legislation:**
  - The space activities of NSLI participating States have been rapidly developing recently. This trend has led to the establishment of comprehensive national space legislation in all NSLI participating States.

- **Current status and challenges to the international and national legal frameworks for space activities:**
  - The NSLI participating States’ national legislation relating to space activities is rapidly developing, while further laws and regulations need to be considered in order to ensure sustainable space activities, which is a common challenge for NSLI participating States.

- **Significance and implications of NSLI:**
  - NSLI, which is based on mutual learning of various States’ practices among regional practitioners, has provided an effective regional model for enhancing capacities in establishing and implementing national space legislation.
Way Forward

NSLI Study Group, representing NSLI member organizations, agreed:

• The term of NSLI will be extended and renewed for its second phase from APRSAF-27 until the APRSAF-29 in 2023.
• The second phase of the NSLI will be basically operated under the same framework (same structure and modality).
• The main goal of the NSLI will again make a report for the submission to LSC; the scope of the report (i.e., the addition of new questions to the info form) may be modified depending on the participants' interests.
• Membership will be opened for new participation.
• The detailed operation of the second phase will be discussed at the first meeting.

*For updates, please visit NSLI website: https://aprsaf.org/initiatives/national_space_legislation/
Thank you for your attention!

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