

APRSAF-18 in Singapore

The 18th APRSAF(Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum) was held under the theme entitled "A regional collaboration for tomorrow's environment" from 6th to 9th December in Singapore. It consisted of working group sessions and a plenary, furthermore, the technical tours and a special event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of human space flight were organized. A total of 277 people from 28 countries joined.

The STAR Program and the UNIFORM made a joint report at the plenary, in which the presenters were Mr. Tsuji from JAXA, Mr. Ishibahi from the University of Tokyo, Dr. Saito from NESTRA and Prof. Akiyama from Wakayama university. It was stated as the result of the STAR Program that 16 participants from 6 organizations of 6 countries had involved in the program and they had applied themselves to Micro satellite concept design and EO satellite requirement survey. It was also reported that capacity building for micro satellite development would be smoothly shifting from the STAR Program to the UNIFORM.

The UNIFORM explained its aim, current status, future plan and so on. Besides, the UNIFORM gave another briefing, and many participants interested in the activities were eager to put questions and proposals for the international cooperation. We welcome many young engineers and researchers to the UNIFORM.

The STAR Program will be shifted to the UNIFORM(UNiversity International FORMation Mission) Project by the end of March 2012. The UNIFORM will take over the responsibility for capacity building in the Micro STAR.



plenary



UNIFORM briefing



In addition, Prof. T. Priyamodoro from Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia and Mr. T. Quoc from FPT University in Vietnam made presentations of their small satellites under development at one of the working group session. The development of small satellites at both universities is highly active.

For further information on the APRSAF-18, please visit the following website.

URL: <http://www.aprsaf.org>

*Wishing you great happiness in this holiday season
and throughout the coming year*

The web site for the UNIFORM has been set up.
For further information, please visit the following website:
<http://www.wakayama-u.ac.jp/ifes/uniform/>

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