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Asia Pacific Space Diplomacy Dialogue

Background

The emerging salience of space in international relations offers states the opportunity to evaluate and enhance existing mechanisms for collaboration. In the last two decades, the leaps in space technology have provided space access to an increasing number of actors. As space becomes more congested, all concerned stakeholders must harmonize international and regional policies to ensure that its exploration will promote the greater good of humankind.

Target Objectives and Expected Outcomes

Despite the current global impasse on space cooperation at the global level, regional collaboration between smaller states is emerging in the Indo-Pacific. There is growing momentum for collaboration in various functional areas of space. This cooperation encompasses a diverse set of stakeholders, including the private sector, academia, and civil society organizations. The proposed Asia Pacific Space Diplomacy Dialogue (APSDD) aims to harness the growing momentum for regional space cooperation by exploring its prospects and challenges.

The Pacific Forum, in partnership with the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies and the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Asian Studies, will promote the APSDD for establishing a common understanding of the current landscape of space cooperation and highlighting converging and diverging interests. It will convene a wide range of experts and practitioners across the Indo-Pacific region to achieve the following:

- Unpack the fundamental precepts of regional space cooperation.
- Assess the current status of regional cooperation in the space domain, identifying on-going initiatives, overlapping priority areas and potential gaps.
- Understand the growing interests of regional groupings in the Indo-Pacific region toward space, specifically among Southeast Asian and Pacific island nations.
- Examine the multifaceted applications of space technology for commercial and scientific purposes that could drive capacity-building efforts based on issue-based and functional areas of cooperation.
- Explore the establishment of an APSDD Working Group to sustain the discussion on regional space cooperation, initiate coordination among key stakeholders involved, and identify possible follow-on engagements such as workshops, seminars, and events.

Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) Virtual Side Event
Asia Pacific Space Diplomacy Dialogue (APSDD)
Pacific Forum | Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies
University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Asian Studies
Dec. 1, 2020 US | Dec. 2, 2020 Japan
Virtual + Livestream

AGENDA *(Updated Dec. 1)*

All times in Japan time (GMT+9)

- 8:30 AM A/V test with speakers
- 8:55 AM Virtual platform opens
- 9:00 AM **Welcome remarks**
Pacific Forum
- 9:05 AM **Keynote Speech: APSDD Scene-setting**
This session highlights the prospects of regional cooperation in the Indo-Pacific amid the deterioration of a global consensus on space.
Speakers:
Joan Johnson-Freese, U.S. Naval War College
- 9:30 AM **Session A: Potential for Space Cooperation in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands**
This session features presentations by representatives from Japan, Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands to discuss ongoing capacity-building engagements in the areas of climate change, disaster risk-reduction, agriculture, monitoring illegal and unregulated fishing, and maritime domain awareness.
Speakers:
Masanobu Tsuji, JAXA Space Education Center
Lynette Tan, Singapore Space and Technology Ltd
Tim Roberts, Australian Space Agency
Andrew Jones, The Pacific Community (SPC)
Moderator:
Kristi Govella, University of Hawaii
- 11:00 AM Group photo of all participants
- 11:03 AM Coffee break
- 11:10 AM **Session B: Potential for industry partnership in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands**
This session provides an industry perspective on the current trends in space technology development and applications. It will also explore feasible avenues for greater public-private partnerships to achieve mutual goals in space.

Speakers:

Michael Gleason, The Aerospace Corporation

Moderator:

Mark Manantan, Pacific Forum

- 12:05 PM **APSDD wrap up**
Speakers:
Al Oehlers, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies
- 12:10 PM **Closing remarks**
Bob Girrier, Pacific Forum
- 12:15 PM APSDD concludes

An official side-event of:

