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PROMOTION OF ASIA-PACIFIC SATELLITE DATA EXCHANGE AND UTILIZATION

The purpose of this document is to report the activities to promote Asia-Pacific satellite data exchange and utilization. JMA hosted the first meeting of “Asia-Pacific satellite data exchange and utilization” in February 1999. The second meeting will be held in Tokyo in January 2000.

Promotion of Asia-Pacific Satellite Data Exchange and Utilization

The first Meeting on Asia-Pacific Satellite Data Utilization and Exchange, which was hosted by the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) and financially supported by the Ship & Ocean Foundation, was held in Tokyo on February 2-4, 1999.

The purpose of the meeting was to promote satellite data exchange and utilization by the national Meteorological Services in the Asia-Pacific region.

The status of satellite data utilization and product development, requirements for satellite data were reported and coordination of satellite data exchange was discussed by about twenty participants from Australia, China, Korea, Japan and the U.S.A..

Satellite data available at JMA from both Meteorological and earth observation satellites attracted the interest of participants from some countries.

A proceeding of the meeting was issued and is available from JMA.

It was strongly recommended that the meeting should be continued in the future. JMA will host the next meeting in Tokyo in January 2000.