

## **WELCOME ADDRESS BY DR. YUNHWA KO, ADMINISTRATOR OF KMA**

Dr. Alain Ratier,  
Members from the WMO,  
Distinguished guests and participants,

I would like to welcome all of you to the 45th Meeting of the Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites. It is my great honor to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to host the CGMS meeting since the first one in 2009.

I am very pleased that I've been allowed to have several opportunities to meet a lot of great satellite experts by hosting international meetings in the field of meteorological satellite. I believe such opportunities have made me feel more closer to you than ever before, and I hope you also feel the same way.

KMA became the member of the CGMS at the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting in 2005, and then hosted the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting in 2009, which was one year before the launch of COMS. And today, hosting the 45th CGMS meeting is all the more meaningful and significant because almost a year from now on, KMA will launch GK2A.

The history of the CGMS has reminded me of two Greek mythological characters, (not meteorological characters). One is Polyphemus and the other is Argus. As you know, Polyphemus was a monster with a single eye, whereas Argus was a giant with one hundred eyes. Polyphemus was able to see the world with one point of view, but Argus could see with one hundred point of views. Furthermore, since Argus slept with his only 2 eyes closed and other 98 eyes awake, Argus was able to watch the world for 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

I came to realize that the CGMS has something in common with Argus because since its establishment in 1972, the CGMS has coordinated various viewpoints of different nations and organizations to fill the observation gaps for the continuous monitoring of the Earth by moving their own satellite to cover the other region and to cooperate each other for the development of meteorological satellite technologies.

I believe that the way members of the CGMS mutually understand and collaborate is exactly what we need as a new way of work and management for the sustainable development of the Earth. Just like Polyphemus, I also have my own point of view to see the world, but meetings with those in the meteorological satellite community has provided me with a new perspective to view the world .

You have developed inter-calibration technologies for various instruments and are now sharing the data, data processing and its utilization technologies to provide constant and stable observation information, not only for the current users but also for our next

generation. In this sense, I think you are like Argus with one hundred eyes, who are contributing to the sustainable development of the Earth.

I am sure that your endeavor will serve as a priceless asset for our next generation.

I believe the outcomes from this CGMS meeting will lay a solid foundation for the advancement of meteorological satellites. And I hope you will achieve desired results in terms of satellite development, planning, operation, and utilization.

Lastly, I again would like to extend my warmest welcome to all of you, and I'd like to thank the CGMS secretariat and staff members of the NMSC for their efforts in organizing this meeting.

Thank you.