

Announcement of
United Nations/Vietnam Workshop on
Space Technology Applications for Socio-Economic Benefits
(Hanoi, Vietnam, 10 to 14 October 2011)

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA), with the support of the Government of Vietnam and the European Space Agency, is organizing the second Workshop to promote the use of space technology and its applications for socio-economic benefits, in cooperation with the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The Workshop will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 10 to 14 October 2011, and will be hosted by the Vietnam Academy of Science & Technology (VAST) on behalf of the Government of Vietnam.

The first Workshop was held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 14 to 17 September 2010. Background information and the report containing the recommendations that emanated from this event are available at <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/spaceworkshop>



(See below for more photos)

The overall objective of the Workshop is to increase awareness among policy makers and planners on the benefits of utilizing space technology for socio-economic benefits.

The Workshop will contribute to international cooperation by providing opportunities to exchange in-depth information on Space Technology Applications for Socio-Economic Benefits.

Specific objectives for this workshop are to:

- share information on research and applications studies that have demonstrated the use of space technology for societal benefit;
- address principles and mechanisms for enhancing national, regional, and international cooperation in space technology development and applications.

The workshop will lead to:

- development of collaborative projects ideas that while addressing specific societal issues confronting individual member states or regions, are applicable globally;
- identification of research activities that are more relevant to the needs of decision-makers in developing countries.

Please kindly note that online applications for the Workshop can be submitted through the following web page:

<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/act2011/Vietnam/index.html>

We are looking forward to receiving applications from qualified applicants including policy makers, decision makers and senior experts with responsibilities for carrying out programmes or projects in the areas of the theme of the Workshop from the following groups: international, regional,

national and local institutions, governmental institutions, research and academic institutions, multi-lateral and bi-lateral development agencies, non-governmental organizations, and industry. **The deadline for submission of applications is 15 August 2011.**

Up-to-date information on the Workshop will be made available on the Workshop website at:

http://www.sti.vast.ac.vn/spaceworkshop_UN_VAST-2011/

We look forward to working and cooperating with you on the above Workshop.

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