
First Announcement

The 9th GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium

Earth Observations Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs in the Asia Pacific Region Tokyo, Japan, 11 – 13 January 2017

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), it is my pleasure to announce the 9th GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from 11 to 13 January 2017. The Symposium is being organized by Japan GEO and the GEO Secretariat, with the support of Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

This year's Symposium will address the theme of "Earth Observations Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs in the Asia Pacific Region" under the GEO 2016-2025 Strategic Plan endorsed by the GEO Mexico City Ministerial Declaration in November 2015. The Symposium will focus on responses and contributions to the societal needs and partnerships for the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and related international frameworks such as the Paris Agreement, and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The participants will share progress which has been made since the previous Symposium in China. To focus the discussions, we are organizing parallel sessions on the following topics:

- Asian Water Cycle Initiative (AWCI);
- Asia-Pacific Biodiversity Observation Network (AP-BON);
- The GEO Carbon and GHG Initiative;
- Ocean and Society; and
- Agriculture and Food Security (GEOGLAM).

The Symposium will take place at the Tokyo International Exchange Center, Plaza Heisei in Tokyo. An agenda and details on registration, hotels and related matters will be available on the Symposium website at: (<http://www.geoss-ap-symposium9.org/>).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr Osamu Ochiai (oochiai@geosec.org) or the Symposium Secretariat in Japan at:

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We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Tokyo.

Sincerely,



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