



Second Announcement
The 3rd SAFE Workshop at Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR
16-17 June 2011
Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR

10 May 2011

Dear Colleagues,

Following the first announcement of the third Space Applications For Environment (SAFE) workshop co-organized by the Water Resources and Environment Administration (WREA) of Lao PDR and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), we the SAFE Secretariat are pleased to send you the Second Announcement.

You are cordially invited to register for the workshop by returning the completed registration form (Appendix B), which is appended herewith, to the secretariat. Participants who wish to stay at the Lao Plaza Hotel (venue) are requested to send the completed reservation form (Appendix C) to the hotel **by 20 May 2011**. The deadline for workshop registration is **30 May 2011**.

There may be some time slots for additional presentations on the agenda; participants who wish to make a presentation regarding SAFE activity or climate change remedies on behalf of their organizations are expected to submit the title and outline of the presentation to the secretariat by email **no later than 30 May 2011**. (Please note that not all the presentations will be on the agenda due to time constraints.)

Other information on the workshop such as the provisional agenda (Appendix A) as well as general information of Lao PDR including visa application, the location and so forth is attached herewith.

The further information including the final agenda will be sent to you as the final announcement in due course.

We look forward to seeing you in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

With warmest regards,

Shinichi Sobue

APRSAP earth observation working group co-chair &

Planning Manager

Earth Observation Research Center


Space Applications Mission Directorate

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

General Information: Vientiane, Lao PDR



1. Country Information

Climate	Tropical monsoon; rainy season (May to November); dry season (December to April) The average temperature in rainy season in Vientiane: about 25-30 degrees C (77-86 degrees F)
Population	5,500,000
Language	Laos
Time zone	GMT+7.00
Currency	Lao kip (LAK) 10,000 LAK = about 1.25 USD (as of May 6, 2011)
Electricity	220V, 50Hz Outlets in Laos generally accept 2 types of plug: 

2. Venue

Plaza Hall (1st Floor), Lao Plaza Hotel

Address: 63 Samsenthai Road, PO.Box 6708, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Phone: +856(21)218800

Fax: +856(21)218808

URL: <http://www.laoplazahotel.com/>

3. Accommodation

Lao Plaza Hotel where the workshop will be held offers special room rates for the SAFE workshop participants. (Single 900.000KIP= approx. 112USD as of May 07, 2011. All rates include tax). If you wish to stay at the hotel, please fill in the hotel reservation form (Appendix C) and send it directly. Your booking will be promised if you send the hotel reservation form **by 20 May 2011**.

4. Access Information (Airport to Venue)

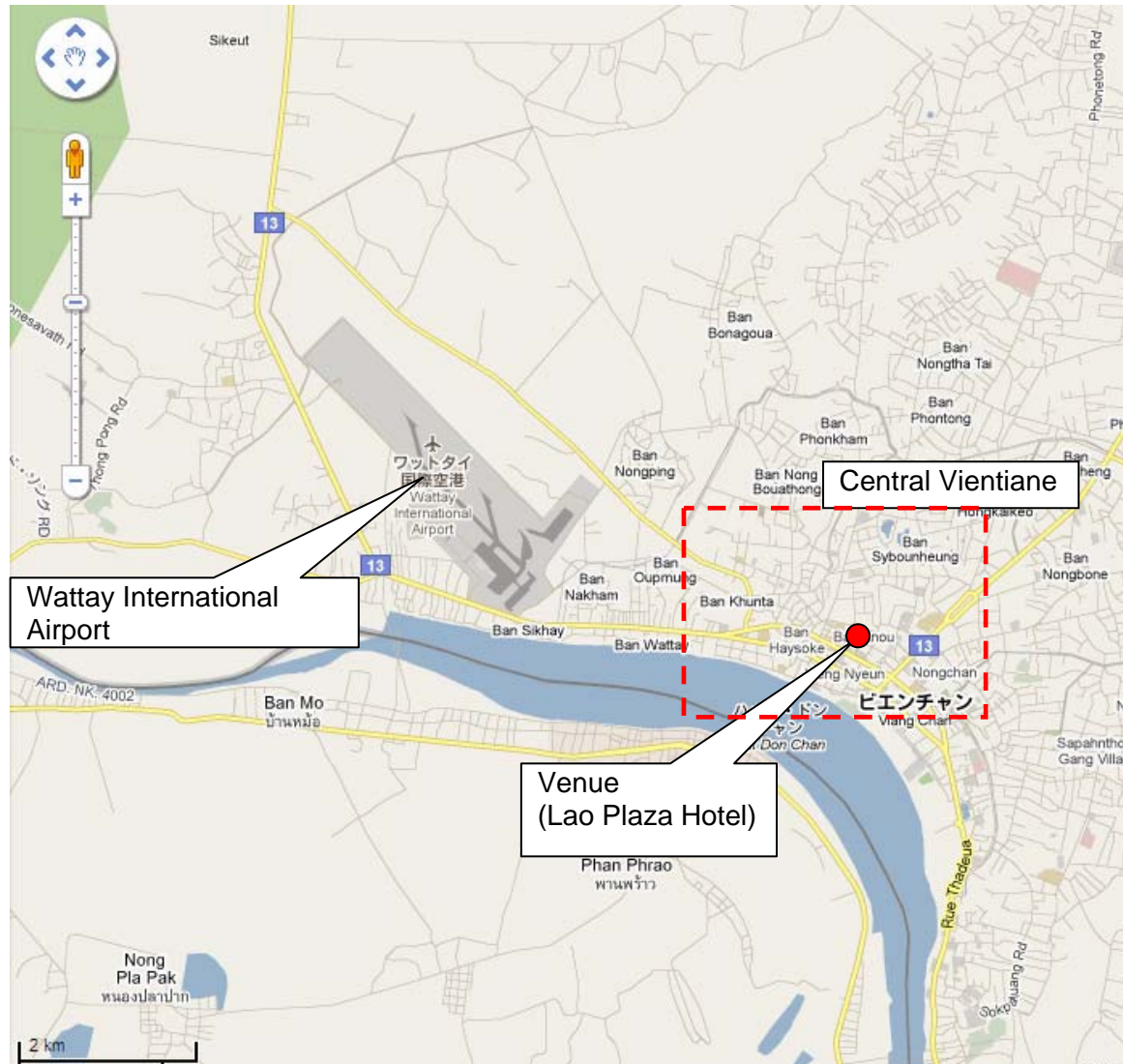
Lao Plaza Hotel is located 4 km east of the Wattay International Airport, Vientiane. It takes 10min. by taxi (7USD) from the airport to the venue.

* Transport will be provided by the hotel if you stay at Lao Plaza Hotel. The person who needs the transportation service is required to inform the hotel of your flight schedule in advance.

*Maps are on the following pages.

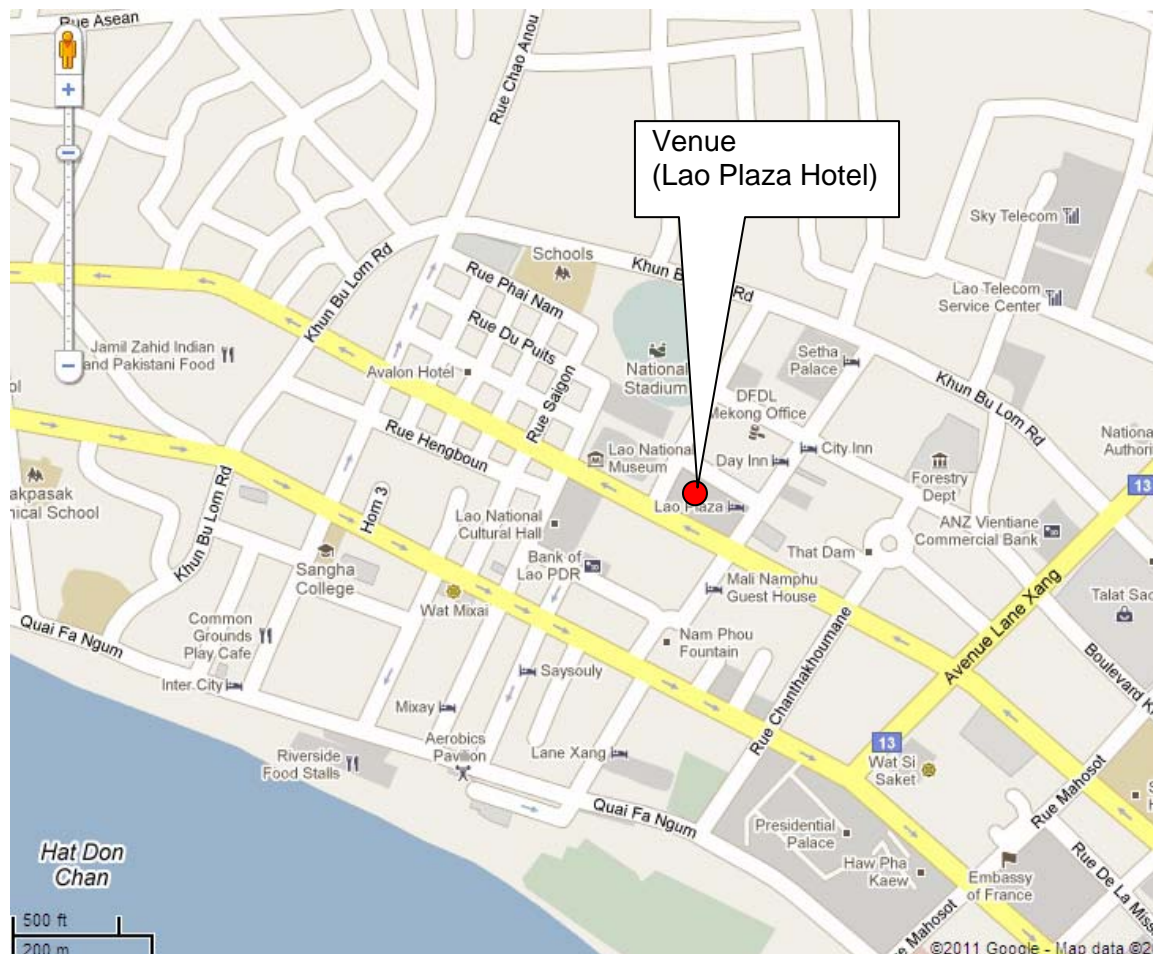
[Map 1]

From the Wattay International Airport to the Lao Plaza Hotel



[Map 2]

Around the Lao Plaza Hotel



5. VISA Information

Local secretariat will support the participants those who need visa to enter Lao PDR.

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Agenda for 3rd SAFE WS (*Tentative: As of 9 May 2011*)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item(s)</i>
16 June 2011		<i>Opening of the session</i>
	10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Talk • Remarks by the General Co-Chairs • Self Introduction • Key note address • Adoption of the agenda • SAFE Overview • Review of the APRSAF-17, Australia
		<i>Special Session – Climate change initiatives</i>
	11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Lao PDR (Climate Change Office) • Presentation by CRISP, National University of Singapore (NUS)
	12:00	(Photo Session)
	12:00	(Lunch / Review board meeting)
	13:30	
		<i>Special Session – Climate change initiatives (Cont.)</i>
	13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Candidates) • (Candidates)
	14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Candidates)
		<i>Contribution from ongoing prototyping</i>
	14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lao PDR: Forest Monitoring • Sri Lanka: Assessment of Reliability of Fairly Accessible Data & Tools for Analyzing Impacts of Climate Change and Analysis of Risk of Sea Level Rise on Coastal Zone <p>(15:20-15:50 Coffee break)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indonesia: Potential Drought Monitoring • Vietnam: Carbon stock calculating and forest changes assessment toward REDD+ for mangrove • Sri Lanka: Modeling ocean frontal zones using high resolution satellite and float data to locate tuna fish aggregations in Sri Lankan waters
	16:50	(Including Discussion, Q&A)
	17:10	Concluding of DAY-1
	17:30	
	18:30	Reception Dinner Hosted by WREA

17 June 2011	<i>Opening of the session</i>	
	09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Day 1 discussion • Revision of the agenda • Self introduction for new participants
	<i>Contribution from ongoing prototyping (Cont.)</i>	
	9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambodia: Water Cycle and Agricultural Activities during the Post-Monsoon Season in the Stung Sangker River Basin and wider area in the Western Cambodia • Pakistan: Monitoring Water Cycle Variations and Assessing the Climate Change Impacts on them in Pakistan/Flood in Pakistan • Thailand: Use of satellite data derived ocean color and SST information for Thailand Fishery
	10:30	(Including Discussion, Q&A)
	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	<i>Concluding Session</i>	
	11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APRSAF-18 introduction • Adoption of the conclusions and report to EO working group at APRSAF-18 • Wrap up
12:30	Adjourn	

3rd SAFE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM (1/2)



The 3rd Space Applications for Environment (SAFE) Workshop
16-17 June 2011, Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR

Please return this Appendix-B

no later than 30 May 2011

to **Mr. Yoshinori Kobayashi** or **Ms. Kanako AKIYAMA**

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2-2-1 Ohtemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004, JAPAN

Please complete this form using BLOCK LETTERS and check appropriate boxes:

Attendance Yes (16 June 17 June) No

Your Name Prof. Dr. Mr. Ms.

(In case you choose either Prof. or Dr., please also identify whether you are Mr. or Ms.)

(Given Name)

(Middle Name)

(Family Name)

Affiliation

Your title: _____

Section and

Department: _____

Organization: _____

Nationality: _____ Passport No.: _____

Postal address: _____

Zip code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

3rd SAFE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM (2/2)

1. YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Hotel name, etc.: _____

*If you wish to stay at the Lao Plaza Hotel, please fill in the hotel reservation form (Appendix C) and send it directly to the hotel.

2. YOUR DURATION OF STAY

Your Check-in Date: 15 June 2011 or Other Date: _____

Your Check-out Date: 16 June 2011 17 June 2011 or Other Date: _____

Total: _____ nights _____ days

3. YOUR TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Please write the name of the nearest airport from your organization in your country:

(1) <Incoming Flight> Date of Arrival: _____

From: _____ Flight no. _____

To Lao PDR: _____ Flight no. _____

(2) <Outgoing Flight> Date of Departure: _____

From Lao PDR: _____ Flight no. _____

To: _____ Flight no. _____

* Transportation between the International Airport and the venue will be arranged based on participants' flight schedule if you stay at Lao Plaza Hotel.

4. VISA APPLICATION

Do you need a visa to enter Lao PDR?

YES. I NEED A VISA.

NO. I DO NOT NEED A VISA.

The Water Resources and Environment Administration (WREA) will support your visa application work necessary to enter Lao PDR, therefore, please contact the following two PoCs of WREA at your earliest convenient time:

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5. Special Requests

Please inform the SAFE secretariat of your special request such as vegetarian dishes, etc., if any.
