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First Announcement
The 4th SAFE and Climate R³ Joint Workshop
22-25 May 2012
Novatel Perth Langley Hotel, Perth, Australia

16 March 2012

Dear SAFE Colleagues,

You are cordially invited to attend for the fourth Space Applications for Environment (SAFE) and Climate Regional Readiness Review (Climate R³) joint workshop co-organized by Space Policy Unit (SPU), Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) Australia and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

SAFE was launched by the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) and it aims on establishing a prototype platform for development of solution (service) oriented application systems for climate change mitigation and adaptation by using space based earth observation technology. At this workshop, we will have reports of the on-going 5 prototyping projects endorsed by APRSAF and review possible new prototyping projects.

Climate R³ was a significant outcome of the APRSAF-17 meeting in Melbourne in late 2010, with objectives including: assessment of regional benefits of climate-related satellite missions; raising awareness of these benefits; emphasising applications of space-derived information; identification of future measures to enhance regional capacity and leverage global investment; and, development of appropriate recommendations.

The SAFE workshop will take place Tuesday-Wednesday 22nd-23rd May, and the R³ workshop will follow Thursday-Friday 24th-25th (concluding Friday lunchtime). There will be a facilities visit to Landgate on the Wednesday afternoon.

Further details of the workshop will be sent to you in due course. We are looking forward to seeing you at Perth.

With warmest regards,

Shinichi Sobue
Planning Manager
Earth Observation Research Center, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

Information for Climate R³/SAFE Workshop Perth May 2012

Workshop Venue

The workshop is being held at Novotel Langley Perth (**Point A on the map**):
221 Adelaide Terrace
Perth, WA 6000

Hotel phone number: +61 8 9221 1200

Hotel fax number: +61 8 9221 2830

Hotel website: <http://novotelperthlangley.com.au/>

Visa Information

Visitors to Australia must have a valid passport and the appropriate Australian visa. The type of visa depends on the purpose of the visit. Overseas visitors seeking to attend or participate in these workshops, in most cases, should apply for a short stay business visitor visa (subclass 977). You must apply for your visa early to ensure that details are confirmed prior to your departure for this workshop.

Information about this important requirement can also be found on the Australian Government website at <http://www.immi.gov.au/>. Some participants will be able to obtain an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). You can apply for an ETA via the Internet www.eta.immi.gov.au or through a travel agent, an airline office or a specialist service provider to arrange an ETA on your behalf.

Invitation Letter and Visa

If you require an invitation letter for visa purposes please contact Lindsay Morgan, workshop secretariat. Please note this procedure is intended to assist participants who need to obtain a visa or permission to attend the workshop.

> **It is not an official invitation covering fees and other expenses.**

> **It does not imply any financial support from the workshop.**

Accommodation Options

Located nearby the venue are a range of accommodation options. The following hotels are reasonably priced options:

City Waters Perth – 3* (from A\$125 p/n)

<http://www.citywaters.com.au/rates.html>

Address:

118 Terrace Road

Perth, WA 6000

(Point D on the map)

Phone: +61 8 9325 1566

Fax: +61 8 9221 2794

Perth Ambassador Hotel – 3.5* (from A\$144 p/n)

<http://www.ambassadorhotel.com.au/index.site.rooms.11.html>

Address:

196 Adelaide Terrace

Perth, WA 6004
(Point B on the map)
Phone: +61 8 9325 1455
Fax: +61 8 9325 6317

Goodearth Hotel – 3.5* (from A\$158)
<http://www.goodearthhotel.com.au/index.site.rooms.69.html>
Address:
195 Adelaide Terrace
Perth, WA 6004
(Point C on the map)
Phone: +61 8 9492 7777
Fax: +61 8 9221 1956

Travelodge Perth – 4* (from A\$220 p/n)
<http://www.travelodge.com.au/travelodge-perth-hotel/hotel-features>
Address:
417 Hay Street
Perth, WA 6000
(Point E on the map)
Phone: +61 8 9238 1888
Fax: +61 9238 1999

Perth accommodation books up quickly, so it is highly recommended that you book as soon as possible, at least a month before the workshop.

Transport Information

TAXI

Taxi ranks are located outside both Domestic and International Terminals, and commissionaires are on hand to assist passengers during peak periods. There is a A\$2.00 flagfall. A one way fare to Perth CBD should be about A\$30 from the Domestic Terminal, and A\$38 from the International Terminal. It is possible that you will be asked to pay the fare in advance, and the same fare applies to whether there is one or a group. There is no extra charge for luggage. Phone numbers for the main taxi companies (which also offer wheelchair accessible services) are:
Black & White Taxis – 13 10 08
Swan Taxis – 13 13 30

AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICES

The Perth Airport operates an express shuttle service called 'Connect'. It travels from both the Domestic and International Terminals to Perth City, and can drop you directly at your hotel. Tickets can be purchased from the Connect kiosks at the airport or pre-purchased online. For more information including timetables, and costs, visit: <http://carbridge.com.au/pac2/>.

