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Subject: The tenth Asia/Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-10), Melbourne, Australia, 2-7 December 2019

Action required: To notify the WMO Secretariat whether you or your representative will be able to attend the conference, at your earliest convenience, but not later than **13 November 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Australian Bureau of Meteorology will host the tenth Asia/Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-10) to be held in Melbourne, Australia from 2 to 7 December 2019.

Past AOMSUC Conferences have proven to be very effective in promoting satellite observations and advancing application areas, with a focus on regional issues, informing on recent advances in remote sensing science, fostering the dialogue between satellite operators and the user community on current and future satellites and engaging young scientists. This conference is the eminent scientific and technical event in the Asia-Pacific for those working in satellite remote sensing with applications in meteorology, climatology, oceanography and related fields.

The attendees will include world leaders in the field of satellite meteorology, satellite operators, leading scientists from around the world, and major users in the Asia/Oceania region. The conference is designed to further enhance the information exchange on various application techniques among satellite data users, to advance satellite observation technologies and to further prepare the Asia-Oceania region for taking full advantage of the new generation satellites.

Associated with the Conference, there will be a Coordination Meeting of the RA V Task Team on Satellite Utilization, and the RA II WIGOS Project to develop support for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in satellite data and products which will take place on 7 December 2019. The meeting will be very important to determine satellite data user requirements and related training needs of each Member and to provide guidance to satellite operators in their data provision plans.

In addition, the Bureau of Meteorology and AOMSUC's co-sponsors will co-organize a training event on satellite data utilization, designed specifically for satellite data users from the Asia/Oceania region, on 2 and 3 December 2019. This event will consist of series of lectures and practical training, which allow your NMHS to express its needs for training in the access and use of satellite data.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO in RA II and V (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vietnam) (limited distribution)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

In this regard, I would like to invite you or your representative to participate in these three above-mentioned events in Melbourne, Australia:

1. Training event, focus on satellite data and products: 2 and 3 December 2019;
2. Plenary session of AOMSUC-9 Conference: from 4 to 6 December 2019; and
3. Coordination Meeting of RA II WIGOS Project and Meeting of RA V Task Team on Satellite Utilization: 7 December 2019.

I strongly recommend the participation of your NMHS in all three events to ensure maximum benefits to your NMHS, and strengthen mutual collaboration between users and satellite data providers especially in the Asia/Oceania region. More details on the event can be found at the following website: <http://www.bom.gov.au/research/aomsuc-10/index.shtml>.

I wish to inform you that the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), through the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Secretariat, will be able to provide a financial support, which includes travel (most economic air fare according to the most direct route) and a lump sum payment to cover local accommodation, transportation, meals and visa support fee to **one** representative from your NMHS.

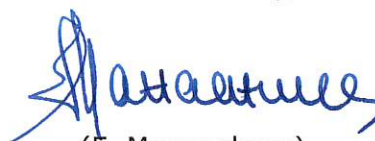
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For administrative purposes, I should be grateful if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat with a copy to Ms Yingchu Chu (ychu@wmo.int), at your earliest convenience, but not later than **13 November 2019**, whether you or your representative will be able to attend the meeting and if so, whether support for travel and/or a lump sum payment will be required.

I wish to thank you for your continued support in promoting the Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General