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ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL SPACE COOPERATION TREATY: POSSIBILITIES AND PROSPECTS

**Abstract**

The idea of creating an Asia Pacific Space Agency (hereinafter referred to APSA) is only my academic and practical opinion. The creation of an APSA and conclusion of the Asia Pacific Regional Space Cooperation Treaty (hereinafter referred to APRSCT) would lead to a strengthening of the cooperation deemed essential by the Asia Pacific community towards joint undertakings in space. APSA and APRSCT Treaty will be acted as a catalyst for the efforts on space exploitation and allow resources, technology, manpower and finances to be centrally managed in an independent fashion to the benefit of Asia Pacific countries. "Space already exists for the Asia Pacific, so the question is what do we do there." It's our job to make sure that all opportunities are used to integrate the power of space exploitation among the Asia Pacific countries. In the 21st century, space science and technology will develop with ever greater rapidity. Having developed rapidly for about half a century, some Asia Pacific developed countries with space activities have scored remarkable achievements that greatly promoted the development of social productivity and progress. The continuous development and application of space technology has become an important role in the modernization drive of the Asia Pacific countries. The emergence of aerospace technology in the Asia Pacific countries has brought huge contributions to economic and social progress. Today, the Asia Pacific region, aerospace industry has become one of the world's most vigorous and promising high-tech industries. It is necessary for us to establish APSA based on the APRSCT Treaty in order to promote cooperation in space policy, law, science, technology and industry among Asia Pacific countries. If the head of the Asia Pacific countries would agree to establish APSA at a summit conference, I am sure that it is possible to establish APSA in the near future. The establishment of the APSA will promote the international cooperation among the Asia Pacific States in space exploitation, research and technology, as well as their space application and developments, much like the European Space Agency in Paris. It is very important that ministers, high ranking officials, staff members of space agencies or authorities, space law professors, lawyers, scientists and technicians from the Asia Pacific countries would like to agree in advance on the establishment of the APSA. This paper will focus on the benefits that will be accrued by such creation on developing countries of Asia-Pacific Region.