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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a great pleasure to inform you that the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) will host the Ninth Meeting on Asia-Pacific Satellite Data Exchange and Utilisation (APSDEU-9) at JMA Headquarters, Tokyo from 2 to 4 February 2009.

The purpose of this meeting is to promote international cooperation on the exchange of satellite data and its utilisation in Asia-Pacific region through discussion and sharing of information and expertise on various issues, which will include the provision and utilisation of satellite and other observational data types, and assimilation into numerical weather prediction models.

In this regard, I would like to invite you or a representative from your office to attend this meeting. Being based on the purpose of this meeting, participants are expected to cover both travel expenses and per diem by their own. To enable the arrangements be made, please kindly submit the attached attendance form as soon as possible but not later than 20 November 2008. Any question on presentation details can be directed to Dr. Kozo Okamoto at okamoto@naps.kishou.go.jp. A provisional agenda will be distributed to participants later.

I look forward to your attendance and to fruitful discussion in the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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