

Remarks by Director-General Kazeki at the 10th National Space Policy Secretariat Symposium

Closing remarks

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for participating in the 10th International Symposium on Ensuring the Safe and Sustainable Use of Outer Space.

I would also like to especially convey my deep appreciation to Ms. Aarti HOLLA-MAINI, Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, and Professor Scott PACE, Director, Space Policy Institute, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University for their thought-provoking keynote speeches on Ensuring the Safe and Sustainable Use of Outer Space.

As stated in the opening remarks by the Minister of State for Space Policy, Mr. KIUCHI Minoru, Japan aims to establish a systematic space debris control program based on technical capabilities and systematic regulations. This year, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) is scheduled to meet in late June. We would like to promote Japan's efforts internationally as a good example for the stable utilization of outer space, and to raise the momentum of COPUOS.

Through this symposium, I believe that we were successful in achieving our goal of fostering a common international understanding. This is the result of active discussions from a wide range of governmental, industrial, and academic perspectives, and thanks to symposium participants and countries involved in the use of outer space.

Specifically, in Panel Session 1, we spoke about the space security environment and the status of international discussions on the Code of Conduct for Space Security, which is under discussion at the United Nations and elsewhere, and discussed issues that need to be addressed.

In Panel Session 2, we shared the status of international discussions on space traffic management and discussed issues that need to be addressed.

In the final wrap-up session, we discussed how international rules and standards should be formed and approaches to their formation, based on the findings of our panel discussion.

In closing, I would like to thank all the speakers and participants of this symposium once again, as well as the staff who worked hard to make it possible. In particular, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Iwamoto for her excellent facilitation, and to Prime International and Astroscale for their efforts in organizing the symposium.

I hope that we will have this opportunity again next year to further develop and promote the discussions we had today. I ask for your continued support, and appreciate your valued participation in the symposium. Thank you!

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