

## Report of the AOSWA-3 workshop

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The AOSWA-3 workshop was successfully held on March 2 to 5, 2015 at the Hotel LUIGANS Spa & resort in Fukuoka, Japan, sponsored by National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT). This meeting was simultaneously opened with UN-Japan workshop on space weather and it helped us to meet more people related to space weather.



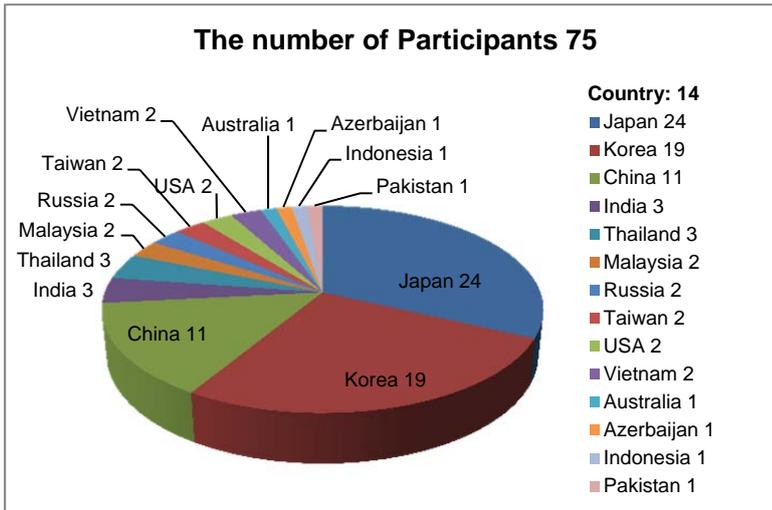
The workshop began with the opening address by Dr. Fumihiko Tomita, the chief research and strategy officer and vice director of NICT, and Mr. Seung-Man Choi, the director of KSWC, Republic of Korea. After this opening address, Dr. Iguchi, the director general of applied electromagnetic research institute, NICT, had a keynote speech about the history of AOSWA.



The main theme of this workshop is to promote the international cooperation among AOSWA community. For this purpose we had a new trial whose concept comes from Japanese traditional method to find marriage partner named "Omiai". For the preparation in advance, the SOC asked 29 number of invited speakers who represent their institutes in AOSWA associates to describe the needs, seeds and wants toward their future partners in their resource list. In the special session the invited speakers

present their ~~present~~ current status based on the prepared documents by SOC as mentioned above. Following the presentation we had a discussion time on the morning of the second day. In this session the SOC coordinated three stages of pair-combinations for Omiai. Each pair discussed their needs, seeds and wants with the potential partner in 20 min of each session and after one session finished the attendee changed their partners and started a new discussions according to the pair-combination list by SOC. This new trial made the discussion much more active and gave us precious opportunities to talk with new people who may not talk each other in ordinal way.





Other than the special session, we had 46 speakers in the regular and poster session.

Also another new trial was held on the third day named “space weather event report”. In this session, the arranger set the particular period and discussed the phenomena occurred during this period.

In addition, we had three social events, the ice breaker, the banquet

and the excursion in the workshop. The icebreaker and the banquet were held as a joint session with “UN-Japan workshop”. The icebreaker was held on the first evening at the “Marine world Umino-Nakamichi” aquarium located on the next building of the LUIGANS. It started with dolphin performance, and moved to the main lounge in front of a large glass tank of the aquarium.

The banquet was held on the third evening at the main banquet hall. In this time all SOC of both AOSWA and UN-Japan workshop were introduced with applause. All attendee enjoyed Japanese local food.

We had the excursion on the fourth day afternoon. About 45 people attended to visit the Japanese old shrine, “Dazaifu-Tenmangu” and the high TV tower named “Fukuoka-tower”.

In the last session at the business meeting on the fourth day, we had some discussion for future business of AOSWA, and it was approved that Korea will host the next AOSWA-4 workshop. The date is to be determined.

We NICT appreciate cooperation and contribution from all attendee. Thank you very much and see you in Korea on the next meeting!

