



WMO-CGMS Virtual Laboratory  
for Education and Training in Satellite Meteorology

## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

Period: September 2011 to August 2012

Satellite Operator/Agency: JMA

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUPPORT OFFERED TO VLAB CENTRE(S) OF EXCELLENCE (CoE) AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF VLAB TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

### **Which VLab CoE(s) is(are) supported by this Satellite Operator/Agency?**

Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) supports Australian Bureau of Meteorology (AuBoM)

### **What were the major achievements in supporting VLab CoE(s) during this reporting period?**

During the Australian Aviation Week 2012, JMA made a presentation about "Rapid Scan Observation from Space and its Application".

### **What were the main difficulties in supporting VLab CoE(s) during this reporting period?**

How to show animation files to the participants in the presentation was a little bit difficult. Since the volumes of these animations were large, it was almost impossible to ask participants to read animation during the presentation. With the support from AuBoM, we could upload animations on the ISOBAR webpage and VLab webpage beforehand, and participants could download them to their PCs before the lecture starts and see it in the presentation.

### **Is any kind of Learning Management System (e.g. Moodle, Blackboard, etc) used by this Satellite Operator/Agency to conduct training activities? If so, can it be shared with the CoEs you support?**

We used GoToWebinar system, which AuBoM prepared for the Aviation Week.

### **Is any kind of Online Conferencing System (e.g. Saba Centra, Blackboard Collaborate, GoToWebinar, etc) used by this Satellite Operator/Agency to conduct training activities? If so, can it be shared with the CoEs you support?**

No.

### **Can you suggest ways for the VLab (including CoEs, Supporting Satellite Agencies, Partner Programmes, WMO Space Programme, VLab Co-chairs and TSO) to provide better support to the training activities of this Satellite Operator/Agency?**

If the VLab have any information on the users' environment of satellite data utilization or what kind of topic are users interested in, we'd appreciated it if the VLab could share them.



**Does this Satellite Operator/Agency has a website dedicated to explain its involvement and support to VLab (as indicated in the document “Expectations from Satellite Operators)? If so, please provide URL.**

Yes. URL is as follows. <http://mscweb.kishou.go.jp/VRL/index.htm>

**Do you maintain regular contact with the other VLab Supporting Satellite Operators/Agencies to discuss data access and format issues as well as training needs to improve the use of satellite data and products? Can you suggest ways of improving this contact?**

No to the regular contact. We take CGMS as the opportunity to discuss this issue.

**Please use the table below to list any training materials you may have developed over this reporting period:**

Nothing in particular.

Title of training material	Type of resource	Availability of resource	Submitted to ESRC

**Is this Satellite Operator/Agency working closely together with the supported CoE(s) in VLab training activities? Can you suggest ways to improve this collaboration?**

Yes. If there's any chance that we could make some presentations about satellite data utilization, we're willing to help.

**Please use this space for additional remarks you may wish to make relating to the delivery of training by the Satellite Operator/Agency and the sponsored CoE(s).**

Nothing in particular.

**Please complete the table in the next page with information about the training events organised by this Satellite Operator/Agency, as part of VLab activities, during this reporting period.**

**Alternatively, you may export the information you have entered in the Online Calendar of Events to Excel and just add the post-event information needed (i.e. number of participants and Country of origin of participants). You can then copy and paste your own table to the last page of this report.**

No particular training was organized.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>WMO region</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Number of trainees</b>	<b>Country of origin of trainees</b>
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