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Preface :

Global Space & Technology Convention (GSTC) is a leading congress and exhibition regard to the space technologies and business in Asia. This convention is sponsored by The Singapore Space and Technology Association (SSTA) and has been held in Singapore since 2008. SSTA is a nonprofit organization aiming the growth of the space industry, and based on Singapore. "Pan-Asia Satellite Solutions" was the theme of this year's

convention, and there were many topics regarding Earth Observation (EO) satellites.

According to the sponsor of this congress, over 350 registrants coming from 40 countries had participated in this congress. However, most of them were business persons coming from Europe and Singapore. Embassy staffs of Japanese and French Embassies had participated. It is speculated that their participations had done

since the Minister of International Trade and Industry of Singapore made an opening speech of this congress. Uniformed military persons were also participated.

About 70 persons had made lectures in this congress. 11 companies (including Japanese companies such as Mitsubishi Electric, NEC and IHI) had made exhibitions, and 4 colleges and/or research institutions had made small exhibitions using their panels.

Overall Impressions :

The feverish atmosphere was filled up in this congress. The congress itself was led by a Singapore company named ST-E(Singapore Technologies - Electronics). This company is an subsidiary of government owned company named Singapore Technologies - Engineering which is the biggest manufacturing company on electronic defense equipment in Singapore. Recently in Singapore, developments of small satellites have been accelerated, and ST-E has done a leading role with some helps from some colleges and minor companies. It was mentioned in the opening speech uttered from the Minister of International Trade and Industry that Singapore would launch 6 various satellites in this year. The first one will be a commercial Earth Observation (EO) satellite which will make surveillance of oceans in equator region. It seems that ST-E has a clear purpose in their business. Some college had a plan of launching a hyper-spectrum sensor equipped small satellite. Those satellites will be manufactured in short period of time.

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