



**Global Space & Technology Convention (GSTC) and
Satellite Technology Asia (SATTECH) Singapore 2010
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GSTC – SATTECH 2010 – Asia’s Premier Mega Event in the Space Domain

Come 28th January 2010, a merger of two very successful events will be jointly organized by Defence Technology Conferences (DTC) and Singapore Space and Technology Association (SSTA) to showcase and discuss the latest concepts, possibilities, challenges, solutions and products in today’s dynamic Space Domain.

About the event

The new Space mega event called the “Global Space & Technology Convention (GSTC) and Satellite Technology Asia (SATTECH)” or GSTC-SATTECH will be held from 28th – 30th January 2010. This event brings into Asia new and emerging Space related challenges and developments in the form of new ventures and its economic models relevant to the Asia-Pacific region.

With the coming together of SSTA and DTC to organize “GSTC–SATTECH 2010“, Asia and the world can expect a spectacular event where the Global Space and Satellite Industry, Commercial, Government, International think-tanks, decision makers and planners come to Singapore for 3 days of highly-engaging discussions, interactions and networking. Mr Thomas Vergis, Chief Executive of DTC Conferences said: “GSTC-SATTECH is a developing focal point for space agencies and satellite technologists in Singapore and for the region.”

The conference will feature prominent speakers such as Mr Jim Simon, Chief Strategist, Worldwide Public Sector, The Microsoft Corporation and Member of the Board of Directors for GeoEye, Mr Todd May, Special Assistant to the Director, Marshall SpaceFlight Centre, NASA and Mr Masakazu Toyoda, Secretary-General, Secretariat of Strategic Headquarters for Space Policy, Cabinet Secretariat, Japan Strategic Headquarters for Space Policy, all well-known leaders in the industry.

Space Odyssey – Singapore coming to Singapore

There will also be a tripartite MOU signing ceremony between SSTA, Science Centre Singapore and Vanguard International Consultants, Pte Ltd to develop *Space Odyssey – Singapore’s first space-themed training camp, to be conducted at the Science Centre Singapore*. Many international governments have expressed interest in space-themed camps to accomplish the twin objectives of academic excellence and high-value workforce development. *Space Odyssey—Singapore* will seek to fill that niche for Singapore, spurring our youth in science and engineering fields. In the long term, *Space Odyssey—Singapore* will explore partnerships with regional organisations in both academia and industry, and further expand into a regional space training centre for passionate students and young professionals.



The MOU will be witnessed by Mr S.Iswaran, Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education (TBC), Mr Todd May, Special Assistant to the Director, Marshall Spaceflight Centre, NASA, Mr Quek Tong Boon, Chief Defence Scientist, Ministry of Defence, Mr Quek Gim Pew, Chief Executive Officer of DSO National Laboratories, Mr Tan Peng Yam, Deputy Chief Executive, Defence Science & Technology Agency, Prof Lui Pao Chuen, Advisor to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Research Foundation and SSTA, Col. Martin France, Head of Astronautics Department, US Air Force Academy, Mr Thomas Vergis, Chief Executive, DTC Conferences and Mr. Joseph Fuller, President, Futron Corporation.

Space as a driver for new commercial business

The development of today's space industry is no longer just about the study of outer space. The net has now widened from global government contractors to encompass the commercial sector, advancing technologies and breaking new ground in space exploration. Manufacturing of commercial satellites and the accompanying peripheral industries associated with it, such as research, launches and related services are new business areas that companies are entering into. Mr Jonathan Hung, President, SSTA, added: "Space technologies are truly pervasive, spanning multiple industries and are a driver for new commercial business."

With the growth of Asia, there will be an explosive demand for more space-related products and services. GSTC – SATTECH 2010 is Asia's response to bring together the best minds and organizations in the Space and Satellite domain, and is certainly a conference to look out for.