



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

## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

Period: September 2012 to December 2013  
Satellite Operator/Agency: JMA

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

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

Australian Bureau of Meteorology

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

1. JMA provided one remote lecturer to the WMO-KMA RAI pilot project VLab high profile training event which was held during 4-6 October 2012.
2. JMA provided two remote lecturers to the AuBoM's VLab training event "Science week" which was held during 24-26 July 2013.
3. JMA provided one lecturer to the AuBoM's regional training workshop on preparation for advanced meteorological imagers which was held during 7-8 October 2013.

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

Usually our human resources are limited to the developers of satellite product, not the forecasters. Therefore to make presentation profitable from the viewpoint of forecasters is the main difficulty.

### **4) 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?**

None.

### **5) 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?**

None.

### **6) 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?**

To encourage to attend the monthly regional focus group meeting.

**7) 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.**

<http://mscweb.kishou.go.jp/VRL/index.htm>

**8) 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?**

Yes if it is needed.

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

Title of training material	Type of resource (e.g. text book, video, recorded presentation, Moodle course, webcast, PowerPoint slides)	Availability of resource (e.g. open educational resource <sup>1</sup> , institutional use only)	Submitted to ESRC (Yes/No)

**10) 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. To keep monthly communication with AuBoM through RFG meeting is the good way.

**11) 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).**

**12) The next page presents a table containing all training events entered by this Satellite Operator/Agency in the VLab Online Calendar of Events during this reporting period. Please complete the table with information about the number of trainees and Country of origin of trainees that attended the events. If additional events had been conducted as part of your VLab activities, that for some reason were not submitted to the Online Calendar of Events, please add them to the table.**

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