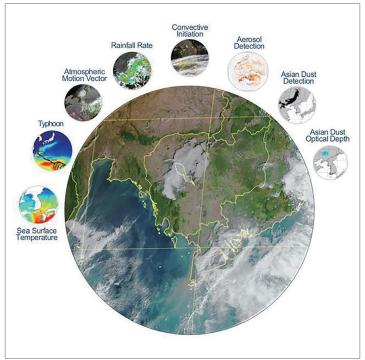


# Support of the GEO-KOMPSAT-2A Receiving and Analysis System in Cambodia





## **Project Background**

As Cambodia has a southwest monsoon which causes heavy rainfall during the rainy season from May to November, the country experiences periodic floods and draughts. Between 1990 and 2016, nine major floods and four major droughts affected more than 20 million people in Cambodia. Climate change is expected to intensify the impacts from heavy rain. As a national meteorological service provider and water resource management authority, the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (hereafter "MOWRAM") observes, analyzes and provides weather information to the public and relevant authorities, as well as to disaster risk management and climate-sensitive sectors such as agriculture, water and energy.

Given that Cambodia has strong climatological needs to adequately respond to natural disasters such as flood and draught and has limited capacity in its meteorological infrastructure as well as human resources, the country clearly requires technical assistance and capacity building for strengthening meteorological capacity.

### **Project Summary**

**Duration:** 2020-2023 (4 years)

#### Management Agency:

Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA)

#### Implementing Agency:

Korea Meteorological Institute (KMI)

#### Beneficiary Agency:

Department of Meteorology (DOM), Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MOWRAM)

Funding Source: KMA

Target Location: Cambodia (Phnom Penh)

Project Budget: 3 M USD

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## **Project Objectives**

The objectives of the project are to improve responses to natural disasters and reduce damage to residents by building a meteorological satellite, GEO-KOMPSAT-2A (hereafter "GK2A") receiving and analysis system in Cambodia.

## **Key Activities**

- Investigating the meteorological status and relevant infrastructure for meteorological satellite utilization in Cambodia
- Selecting a service provider for the installation of GK2A receiving and analysis system
- Installing GK2A receiving and analysis system
- Supporting the operation of the system and data analysis through capacity building such as training programs and experts secondment

## **Implementation Status**

The Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), Korea Meteorological Institute (KMI) and the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MOWRAM) have held a

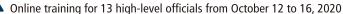
MoU signing ceremony by videoconference on September 23, 2020. Online training for 13 high-level officials of MOWRAM was successfully conducted. Since a preliminary technical investigation was delayed due to COVID-19, KMI, instead, conducted a site investigation with a written checklist with help of DOM.

## **Expected Results**

GK2A will provide nationwide meteorological information with high-resolution satellite images and high-speed data transfer. It produces 52 types of primary and secondary products such as cloud detection and sea surface temperature, which would be critically used in disaster risk management as well as decision making in many sectors.

- Installing system for GK2A data receiving and analysis in real time
- Improving expertise in satellite observation data utilization and system operation of MOWRAM staff
- Launching a pilot system for GK2A data utilization to support climate related sectors









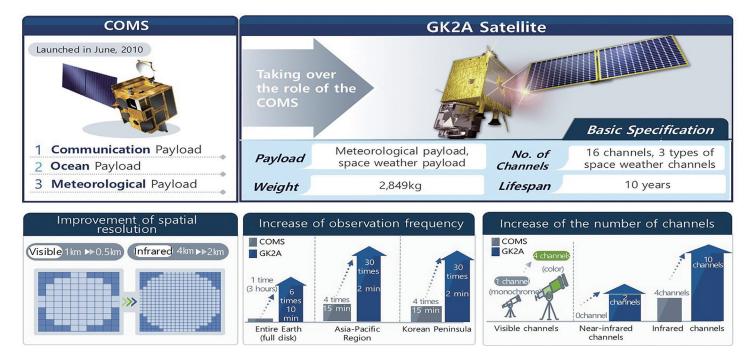
"This project will improve the knowledge, skills and experience of technicians and forecasters to utilizing satellite imageries for forecasting and warning of natural disasters and to develop the capacity of weather observation instruments in Cambodia. Furthermore, the project will support to deal with natural disaster as well as climate change issues in Cambodia especially in rural areas."

- H.E. Pohn Sachak, Secretary of State, MOWRAM -



# What is GEO-KOMPSAT-2A Receiving and Analysis System?

GK2A Satellite is the next generation geostationary meteorological satellite that took over the meteorological roles of Communication, Ocean and Meteorological Satellite (COMS) and performs meteorological and space weather observation tasks.



GK2A launched on December 5, 2018 is available for diverse observations owing to its 16 channels, which was increased from previous 5 channels of COMS.

GK2A also allows to observe the entire sectors at 10-minute intervals, enabling speedier monitoring of severe weather phenomena to reduce meteorological disasters. In addition, its high performance meteorological sensor (AMI) provides more precise observations. GK2A will produce a total of 52 types of meteorological products.

