



UNITED NATIONS
Office for Outer Space Affairs

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) is conducting a comprehensive **survey of world-wide academic programmes in aerospace engineering and small satellite development**.

The purpose of this survey is to compile a directory which will allow Member States to assess the availability of relevant education opportunities and to help prospective students – particularly those from developing countries and emerging space nations – to identify suitable programmes they may wish to apply for.

The survey is part of a series of activities conducted within the framework of the **Basic Space Technology Initiative (BSTI)**, implemented by UNOOSA under the mandate of the **United Nations Programme on Space Applications**. Further information on the activities of the BSTI is available from the UNOOSA website at <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/bsti/index.html>. The education directory will be made available at this website and brought to the attention of member States of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS).

Consequently, if your institution is offering relevant academic programmes, I would greatly appreciate it if you would submit the online form available from <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/bsti/bsti-education/index.html> or alternatively complete and return the attached survey by email to Ms. Rada Popova (rada.popova@unoosa.org), before 20 June 2010.

For additional information on BSTI, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Mr. Werner Balogh (werner.balogh@unoosa.org).

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Takao Doi".

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