



Moon Village Association selects Thailand to host 10th Global Moon Village Workshop & Symposium



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The [Moon Village Association](#) (MVA), is proud to announce that Thailand, through its national space agency, has been selected to host the 10th annual Global Moon Village Workshop & Symposium.

The event will be held at the True Icon Hall in Bangkok on 26-27 October 2026, hosted by the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA), part of Thailand's Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation. It will take place alongside Thailand Space Expo and the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF), making it the largest integrated space gathering in South-East Asia.

The MVA is a non-governmental organisation with UN observer status that fosters international cooperation for lunar exploration. The Global Moon Village Workshop & Symposium is its flagship annual event, bringing together international experts, policy makers, industry leaders and researchers to accelerate humanity's return to the Moon and beyond.

GISTDA's proposal won out in a highly competitive process thanks to the exceptional quality of its submission and strong alignment with the MVA's mission and values. It will

mark the first ever edition of the Global Moon Village Workshop to be hosted in South-East-Asia, further boosting Thailand's credentials as a rapidly emerging hub for space innovation. Previous hosts include Italy, Luxembourg, Japan, Cyprus, France and the United States.

Dr. Giuseppe Reibaldi, President, MVA says:

"I'd like to commend GISTDA on its excellent submission. Thailand's growing leadership in space technology and its commitment to international collaboration make it an ideal host for our 10th Workshop & Symposium. This event will strengthen global partnerships and accelerate progress toward sustainable lunar development."

Dr. Pakorn Apaphant, Executive Director, GISTDA says:

"With the Moon Village Association selecting Thailand to host the 10th Global Moon Village Workshop & Symposium alongside Thailand Space Expo, the country is gaining momentum in space exploration. These events reaffirm that Thailand is no longer just a user of foreign technology but is emerging as a co-developer, and soon, a developer of global space innovation, building a national ecosystem aligned with the government's New S-Curve vision."

More information on the other meetings can be found at:

Thailand Space Expo : <https://tsx.gistda.or.th/> & APRSAF : <https://www.aprsaf.org/>

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About the Moon Village Association (MVA)

The Moon Village Association (MVA) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Vienna, founded in 2017. MVA is a permanent, global and informal platform for stakeholders like governments, space agencies, industry, academia, international organizations and the general public, interested in collaborating for the sustainable and peaceful exploration and utilization of the Moon. The MVA fosters cooperation in multi-disciplinary domains ranging from technical to governance, economical, cultural and much more topics

MVA comprises more than 500 participants to MVA activities and 23 institutional members from more than 55 countries. The MVA partners with non-space organizations to promote international discussions and formulation of plans to foster the development of global lunar cooperation. MVA is creating international, national and regional networks to engage civil society around the world.

MVA is a permanent observer of the United Nations COPUOS since 2019 and in such capacity bring to the National Delegations awareness of critical issues related to the Moon. MVA, amongst other activities, has proposed and achieved the creation of the International Moon Day (IMD) by the UN General Assembly and has created the Global Expert Group on Sustainable Lunar Activities (GEGSLA). The Moon Village Association's mission is unique, bridging together both spacefaring and non-spacefaring nations offering them the opportunity to play a role in the exploration and utilization of the Moon. There is no other organization on the international scene having such a mission.

About GISTDA

The Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (Public Organization), or GISTDA, is Thailand space agency, established in 2000. It is critical for the development and application of space and geo-informatics technology, serving as the core provider of Earth observation data, mapping, and spatial analysis for sustainable national progress.

GISTDA's mission is increasingly focused on developing the national Space Economy. This includes a commitment to building domestic capacity through the in-house design, development, and assembly of satellites, notably expanding the THEOS Earth Observation Satellite program (THEOS, THEOS-2). This self-reliance fosters a specialized body of knowledge and expertise within Thailand.

GISTDA utilizes its technology to support diverse national domains, from resource management and urban planning to agriculture and disaster warning. By collaborating across sectors, GISTDA ensures the optimal use of geo-informatics data. This strategy drives Thailand toward becoming a regional space and geo-informatics hub, fundamentally linking domestic technology advancement and the growing Space Economy with improved quality of life and national development.