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Korea will host The 45th COSPAR Scientific Assembly in 2024.

□ Ministry of Science and ICT(MSIT, Minister: Kiyoung Choi), Republic of Korea, announced that Korea will host the 45th COSPAR Scientific Assembly in 2024. It was decided by the council members of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR, hereafter) at the 43rd COSPAR Scientific Assembly which was closed today.

* COSPAR was established in 1958 by the International Council for Scientific Unions (ICSU which is transformed into ISC, International Science Council). COSPAR has about 9,000 members from 44 countries.

□ The Korean Committee of COSPAR (Chair: Jong Uk Park, Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute), composed of experts in space science such as solar physics and astrobiology, has been seeking to host the Scientific Assembly based on its successful hosting of the 3rd COSPAR Symposium in 2017*.

* The 3rd COSPAR Symposium(Jeju ICC, 2017.09.18. ~ 22.): About 350 people from

38 countries participated.

- The COSPAR Scientific Assembly is the largest academic event in the field of space research involving 3,500 people from more than 60 countries and has been held every two years* since 1958. Many researchers in the field of space science and astronomy are attending the COSPAR assembly as well as leaders of space agencies from around the world to discuss development plans for space research and international cooperation.

* (Note) Due to the global spread of COVID-19, the 43rd COSPAR Scientific Assembly(Australia) was held on '21.1.28.~2.4. as an on-off mix. It was originally planned to be held on-site in July 2020.

- The 45th COSPAR Scientific Assembly will be held in Busan for nine(9) days from July 13 to 21, 2024 under the theme of ‘Team Spirit in Space Research’. Along with the public lecture regarding the recent development of research, contribution and invited talks, and the other collaboration proposal in the new space era.

- "The COSPAR Scientific Assembly is the world's largest space science event with more than 4,000 academic presentations in various space research fields, including space science and exploration, and we will also support it as an opportunity to promote the industrial cooperation between the global and the Korean space industries in new space era" said Lee Chang-Yoon, the head officer of Space, Nuclear and Big Science Policy Bureau of MSIT.