MTSAT Monthly Operations Report October 2012

1. Special operation events

1.1 Eclipse operation

MTSAT-2 autumn eclipse operation was performed from October 1 through October 17.

1.2 Solar-interference operation

MTSAT-2 solar-interference operation was performed from October 3 through October 12.

2. Imagery dissemination

2.1 High Rate Information Transmission (HRIT) imagery via MTSAT-1R HRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R was performed according to the regular schedule. The following tables show the performance of HRIT dissemination and a summary of canceled HRIT dissemination during October 2012.

Performance of HRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R

	HRIT	Remarks
Scheduled	1730	
Performed	1730	Observed by MTSAT-2 and MTSAT-1R
Performance in %	100.00	

Summary of canceled HRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R

Date	HRIT	Reasons
	None	

2.2 Low Rate Information transmission (LRIT) imagery via MTSAT-1R LRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R was performed according to the regular schedule.

The following tables show the performance of LRIT dissemination and a summary of canceled LRIT dissemination during October 2012.

Performance of LRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R

	LRIT	Remarks
Scheduled	2971	
Performed	2971	Observed by MTSAT-2 and MTSAT-1R
Performance in %	100.00	

Summary of canceled LRIT dissemination via MTSAT-1R

Date	LRIT	Reasons
	None	

2.3 HRIT imagery via landline

HRIT dissemination via landline was performed according to the regular schedule. The following tables show the performance of its dissemination and a summary of canceled HRIT dissemination during October 2012.

Performance of HRIT dissemination via landline

	HRIT	Remarks
Scheduled	12370	
Performed	12370	Observed by MTSAT-2 and MTSAT-1R
Performance in %	100.00	

Summary of canceled HRIT dissemination via landline

Date	HRIT	Reasons
	None	

3. Data Collection System

3.1 International Data Collection System (IDCS)

The following table shows the status of reception and dissemination of International Data Collection Platform (IDCP) messages that were received in MTSAT-1R's area of responsibility.

Reception and dissemination of IDCP messages

IDCP channels	Numbers of IDCPs a)	Received messages	Error messages b)	Massages disseminated to the GTS
I06	0	0	0	0
I07	0	0	0	0
I12	3	0	0	0
I14	0	0	0	0
I15	2	0	0	0
I16	4	0	0	0
I18	0	0	0	0
I20	2	0	0	0
Total	11	0	0	0

a) IDCP numbers are those registered in MTSAT-DCS as of October 1, 2012.

3.2 Interference on IDCP channels

The following table shows interference on MTSAT International Data Collection System (IDCS) channels that occurred during October 2012.

Interference on MTSAT IDCS Channels (October 2012)

Channel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Interference											
Channel	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Interference											
Channel	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Interference											Н

Note - W: weak interference / H: harmful interference

b) No message, or message unsuitable for WMO codes.

4. Satellite system status

4.1 Satellite status

MTSAT-2 located at longitude 145 east was performing the observation operation until October 18, and MTSAT-1R located at longitude 140 east took over the observation operation from MTSAT-2 due to its ground system maintenance on October 18. MTSAT-1R is operating telecommunication services such as data dissemination and DCP data relay.

4.2 Maneuver

1) An east-west station-keeping maneuver of MTSAT-2 was carried out from 09:16 UTC on October 6, 2012.

4.3 Orbit elements of MTSAT-1R/2

The orbit elements of MTSAT-1R and MTSAT-2 are shown in the following table.

Epoch 08:00:0.00 UTC on November 6, 2012 – MTSAT-1R

	Element	Unit	Value
	Semi-major axis (a)		42165.296711
	Eccentricity (e)	-	0.000266587
Orbit	Inclination (I)	Degree	0.014132
Orbit	Right ascension of ascending node (Ω)	Degree	227.085057
	Argument of perigee (ω)	Degree	46.217058
	Mean anomaly (M)	Degree	32.575082

Epoch 00:00:0.00 UTC on October 23, 2012 – MTSAT-2

	Element	Unit	Value
	Semi-major axis (a)	km	42166.432200
	Eccentricity (e)	-	0.000274960
Orbit	Inclination (I)	Degree	0.030753
Orbit	Right ascension of ascending node (Ω)	Degree	246.432406
	Argument of perigee (ω)	Degree	316.629342
	Mean anomaly (M)	Degree	333.769175